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# U.S. WARSHIPS BEGIN CONVOYING LEND AND LEASE SUPPLY SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 17 (UP).—THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, COLONEL FRANK KNOX, TO-DAY TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOW CONVOYING VESSELS OF ALL FLAGS WHICH ARE CARRYING LEND AND LEASE SUPPLIES. ASKED WHETHER THE UNITED STATES NAVY WAS CONVOYING WAR SHIPMENTS FOR BRITAIN TO ICELAND, COLONEL KNOX SAID: "THE ESCORT OF CONVOYS BY WAR VESSELS IS ONLY ONE OF THE METHODS WHICH CAN BE USED AND ARE BEING USED IN ALL OF OUR DEFENCE AREAS."

Secretary Knox disclosed that the United States navy is conducting a search of the islands off South America for possible raider bases, observing that surveillance is "being kept up" by the navy.

Regarding convoys, he asserted, "You must recall that since the first world war, many more methods than convoys have been developed to protect ships and we are employing all of them."

## Russian Victory Described

### Permits Investment Of Smolensk

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 17 (UP).—The forty-five days of hostilities which have culminated in Marshal Timoshenko's successful offensive in September, throwing back the Germans on the west bank of the River Vop, enabling the investment of Smolensk, were detailed in a dispatch received from General Rokossovsky to-day.

The dispatch stated that the Seventh German tank division, reinforced by infantry and motorised units which was outflanked at Smolensk in mid-July, approached Yartsevo on the Moscow highway and planned to drive on the capital. After the first assault had been repulsed the Germans took the offensive again early in August. The Russians counter-attacked, broke up the tank division and advanced to the west bank of the Vop, after which the Germans regrouped and planned to reach the Moscow road by flanks from Elyna to the south.

After 80 Days

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"  
LONDON, SEPT. 17 (REUTER).—The German communique to-day makes a revealing statement although it does not constitute a claim. It says that TURN to Back Page, Column 5

## Story Of Costly Nazi Attempt On Gulf Gate

(By "Reuter's" Resident Correspondent)

MOSCOW, SEPT. 17.—The importance of the Soviet victory in smashing the German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland is emphasised by the promotion to-day of Major-General of Coastal Defence Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

## Lamotte Picquet Repairs

SAIGON, SEPT. 17 (REUTER).—Formally denying reports emanating from Chungking, the Governor-General declared to-day that the voyage of the cruiser Lamotte Picquet to Japan was not connected with the Franco-Japanese agreement.

The cruiser left Saigon recently for Osaka for repairs and dry-docking as facilities are lacking in Indo-China.

The Lamotte Picquet is the major French warship in the Far East and played a decisive part in the main naval engagement in the Thai-Indo-China war.

It was he who commanded the various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets hold Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that German entry into the Finnish Gulf is very difficult but also that the German possession of the Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A dispatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle but the second effort, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until yesterday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

Enemy Ships Sunk  
Aboard each of six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans. They were protected by eight destroyers, of which one was sunk, and 11 motor torpedo boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports.

The land battle, after some German success in landing, was very bitter. Every yard was contested. Several thousand Germans were killed in this second operation, making the total for both attempts extremely costly.

## 14 KILLED IN FLOODS Luzon Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MANILA, SEPT. 18 (UP).—It is reliably reported that 14 persons are dead in central Luzon floods and at least \$500,000,000 worth of damage has been caused. The Red Cross is active.

Pampanga province is believed to be hardest hit due to a broken dyke.

The "Manila Bulletin" said that one official investigator hinted that sabotage by disgruntled political elements may have been responsible for the breaking of the dyke.

Clear weather is resulting in the subsiding of the flood waters.

The United Press correspondent arrived at the scene of the explosions at the same time as 15 ambulances and 300 members of the crews, returning from leave. The crews gathered at the gates of the naval yard where they are anxiously awaiting news of their comrades. At 2 p.m. the ships and the surrounding waters are still burning fiercely making the rescue work most difficult.

He declined to reveal whether the navy is providing protection for ships outside the North Atlantic, but admitted that officials are studying the possibility of arming merchantmen.

He explained that legislation would be required for that, adding that he, personally, was undecided regarding the matter. He admitted that the shortage of guns was the main factor regarding merchantmen.

Meanwhile, he stressed the fact that the United States possessed gun crews if needed. No brushes with the German raiders have been reported in recent days.

### Exambion Escorted

LONDON, SEPT. 17 (UP).—An "Exchange Telegraph" dispatch from Lisbon states that the American steamer Exambion arrived there yesterday, being the first American ship to be escorted into Lisbon.

The U.S. Coastguard ship Ingham, which for sometime had been berthed at Lisbon sailed on Monday, met the Exambion on the high seas and escorted her into port, after which the Ingham sailed again.

## Anonymous \$1,000 For Bombers

An anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the Bomber Fund has been received to-day, being the third from the generous donor concerned. Yesterday, a cheque, also for \$1,000, was received from "A group of French Residents for Victory."

## LATEST

## MAFOO'S DEATH LEAP

A Hongkong Jockey Club Stables mafao leapt to his death from the window of the mafao's quarters this morning. He suffered multiple injuries and died before an ambulance could be summoned.

The man was Chu Ling, 30, and his death leap was made from the second floor of the servants' quarters at the Jockey Club Stables in Shan Kwong Road, Happy Valley.

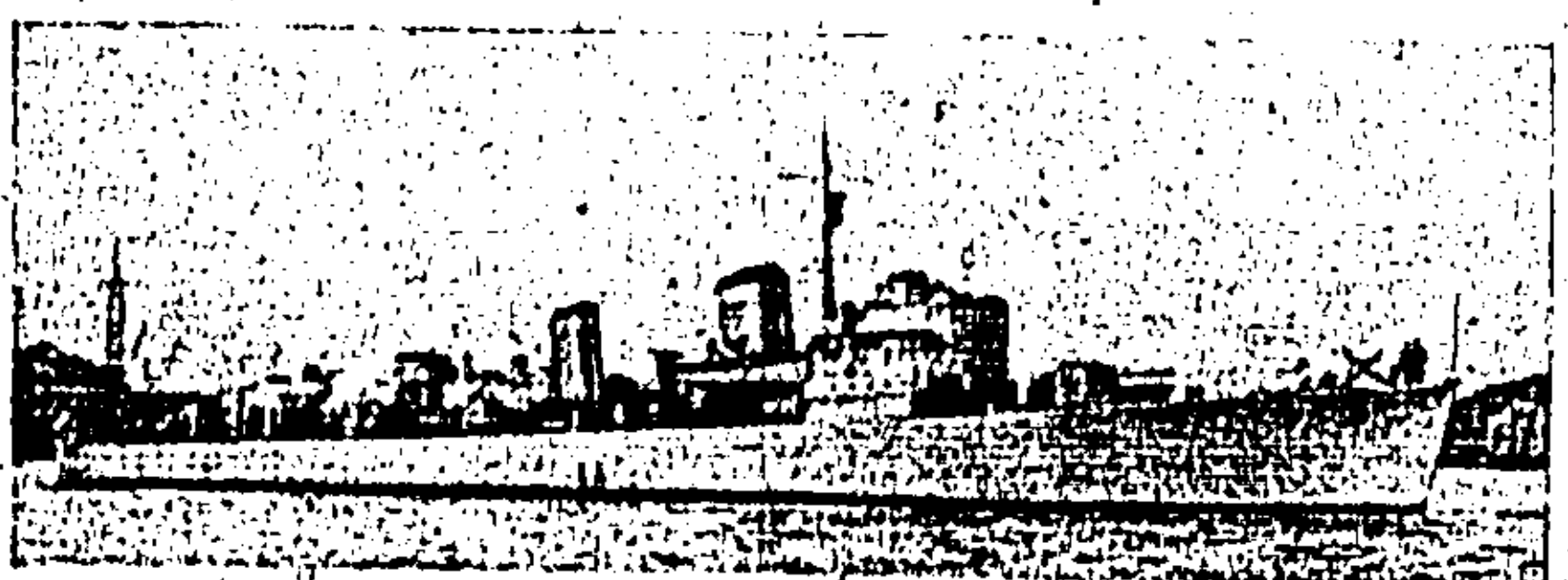
Cliff work in Hui of Clowner, a 1637 Subscription Grims, which up to the end of 1940 had won \$2,600 in stakes. Clowner is owned by Mr J. L. Fielden.

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## 3 Swedish Destroyers Sunk in Naval Base

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, SEPT. 17 (UP).—It is officially known that 31 men were killed and 11 injured when explosions and fires sank the Swedish destroyers Goteburg, 1,040 tons, Klas Horn, 1,020 tons and the Klas Ulga, 1,020 tons this morning at the Maersgarn naval base.



THE SWEDISH DESTROYER GOTEBURG.

Flaming oil covered the water, hampering the rescue work, and it is believed that the casualties will reach 100. Half of the 600 members of the crews were on shore leave when the disaster struck.

It is believed that the careless handling of torpedoes may have caused the explosion on the Goteburg which broke in half and sank rapidly, spreading the fire to the others and causing further explosions. The exact reason for the explosions remains uncertain but it is believed to have occurred in the ammunition room or the boiler room.

Admiral Aernsved, commander of the flotilla which was the victim of the disaster is commanding the rescue work from his flagship.

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## What Nazis are Up Against In The Western Desert

Feature of the British defences in the Western Desert and around Tobruk are these latest type of tank traps, which are known as "Dragons Teeth." They are causing a lot of trouble to the Nazis.



## Singapore Ready to Defy Any Blockade says Brooke-Popham

SINGAPORE, SEPT. 17 (REUTER).—A most encouraging picture of the general defensive position of the area of which Singapore is the strategic centre was given at a joint press conference by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, and Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of a blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think that any blockade was tenable for as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it—even without the assistance of the American Navy.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the Netherlands TURN to Back Page, Column 3

## Sweeping RAF Raids Across N. France

LONDON, SEPT. 17 (REUTER).—Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked a power plant at Mazingarbe near Bethune this afternoon. It is learned in London that bombs were seen to hit the target and fires were started. German fighters attempted to prevent the attack but failed.

At least six German fighters are known to have been destroyed.

One Blenheim bomber and seven British fighters are lost but one British pilot was later rescued from the sea by the R.A.F. sea rescue service.

German fighters attempted to interfere with the rescue operation but were driven off by British fighter patrols, one German being shot down.

Evening Raid  
Observers along the English Channel state that the weather was fine with remarkably clear visibility when the British planes raced across the French coast.

Another big force swept across the French coast this evening. The sky was described as being full of Spitfires and Hurricanes some flying at a great height. Other fighters, however, were only just above sea level. Shortly afterwards a heavy ex-

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## Drifted To Cheung Chau River Boat Aground

It is reported that a river boat owned by the West River Transportation and Trading Co., Ltd. which was moored in Cheung Sha Wan, Shamshui, dragged her anchor shortly after 10 a.m. during the typhoon on Tuesday, and drifted to Cheung Chau Island, where she was grounded.

The crew of ten are reported to be safe, and it is learned that the vessel suffered some damage. Efforts are being made to have her refloated.

### Grounded At Lantau

It is also reliably understood that a river boat which was in distress during the typhoon finally beached at the southern end of Lantau. She was found to be deserted, the crew apparently having left the ship after she had grounded. There were also indications that she had been looted.

## Liberal-Nationalists Go All Out For Churchill

LONDON, SEPT. 17 (REUTER).—A resolution expressing complete confidence in the present government, welcoming the Atlantic Charter, recording admiration of the Russian defence and adopting the annual conference of Liberal Nationalists held in London to-day.

Two Cabinet Ministers, Lord Chancellor, and Mr Ernest Brown who is Minister for Health, and two ex-Ministers Mr Horne-Bellah and Mr Leslie Burgin, attended.

Lord Tevot in moving the resolution said that "uppermost" in their minds now was how they could best help the Prime Minister and those gallant men and women who had come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy. He added, "If we can replace the Declaration of Independence by a Declaration of Interdependence, we shall have laid the firmest foundation for permanent peace in the whole world."

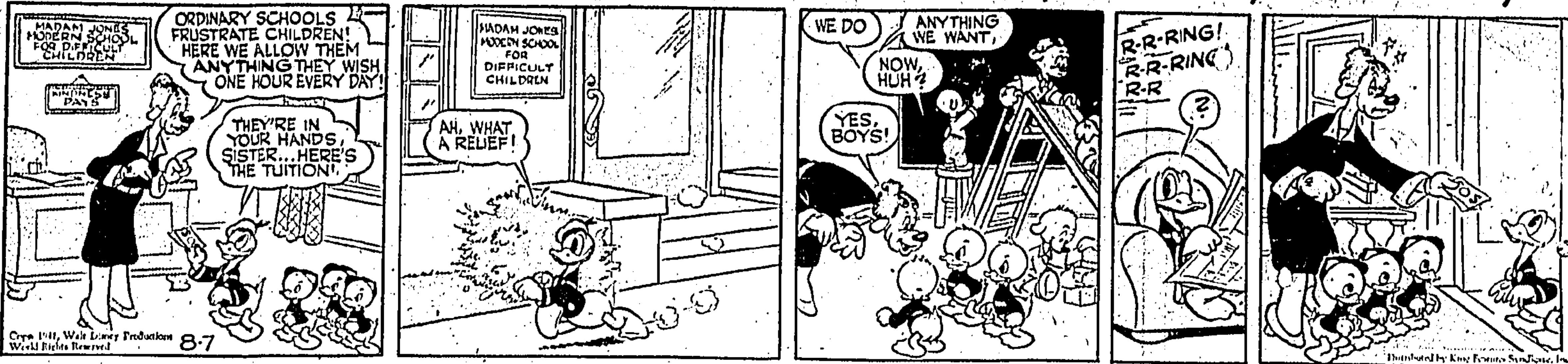






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How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

### Aftermath

"Dear Mrs. Culbertson: I messed up this hand the other evening and it was not until 4 a.m. that I suddenly realized I had overlooked the simplest sort of safety play on the second trick. I wonder what percentage of experts would have seen it."

"South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable."

♠ A Q 7 6  
♥ A Q  
♦ Q 8  
♣ J 10 8 7 2

♠ J 9 3 2  
♥ 7 6 4 2  
♦ A K 6 4  
♣ 9

N W E S  
N J 10 8 4  
W 9  
E 10  
S A K 6 4 3

"I was South and the contract was five clubs. I was annoyed that it was not six clubs when I saw the dummy."

"The king of diamonds was opened by West and East gave him the Juce. A heart was led: I thoughtlessly finessed and lost to the king. A diamond was returned. I trumped, drew trumps, led a small spade to the board and, after putting on the ace, had to lose a spade trick. I do not think that I played the spades improperly, as even had I started from the board I would have played one of the honours, to keep top honours in both hands.

"But if on the second trick, I had played the ace of hearts, drawn trump, trumped the last diamond, and then given up the heart, no distribution of spades could have beaten me. S. H., New York."

As my correspondent points out, here was an opportunity for a little known but valuable safety play. If the contract had been six clubs, of course the heart finesse had to be tried, but at five, any safety factor

that could be thrown about the hand was highly desirable.

My correspondent's analysis of what this safety play should have been, however, was not entirely accurate. Played precisely as he suggested, he still would have a guess in the spade suit. That is to say, after stripping the North-South hands of diamonds and throwing a defender on lead with the heart queen, a spade return still would leave a "guess." For example, suppose East were to take the heart queen and lead a low spade. Declarer would, of course, follow low, and let us assume the nine-spot would force the queen. Now declarer would have to guess whether to lay down the ace, playing East for a possible remainder of Jxx, or lead a low spade from the dummy so that if East showed out a finesse could be taken against the jack in West's hand.

The true safety play was to take the heart ace, draw the adverse trump, ruff dummy's remaining diamond, and then cash the spade ace before the heart queen. Now if a spade were returned it would prove one of two things, both satisfactory from declarer's point of view: either that the leader of the second spade was the one who originally had four.

### Tomorrow's Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J 9 6 5 3  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ 7  
♣ 10 6 5

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ A J 8 6 4  
♦ 3  
♣ K 9 8

N W E S  
N A K 6 5 3  
W Q J 10 9  
E A Q J 4  
S 10

How should East defend against South's four heart contract? Opening lead, heart seven.

## Dutch Save Rembrandt Masterpiece From "Art-Loving" Nazis

LONG before the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands measures had been taken to protect the contents of the many richly-stocked museums against "unfortunate errors" of belligerent airmen.

Carloads of valuable objects and many of the smaller paintings were transferred to rural districts. For the "outsized" canvasses, fire and water-proof receptacles were constructed below the rooms in which they were hung. At the slightest sign of impending danger an ingenious contraption could be set into motion—and the old masters would slide into comparative safety.

But when the German menace to Holland became even greater, this kind of protection was not considered sufficient for the most valuable paintings of all, foremost among them the "March-out of the Company of Amsterdam Musketeers" (commonly called "The Night Watch") by Rembrandt. It was taken from its shelter to an ancient castle on the outskirts of dreamy little Medemblik, north of Amsterdam. Here it hung against the thick, medieval wall of the deserted banquet room, when on the morning of May 10, 1940, the Nazis invaded Holland.

For many months afterward little was known of the fate of Holland's art treasures.

There were rumours of Germans greedily "acquiring" valuable antiques, paintings and jewellery, but no one knew for certain what had happened. Recently a story got past the German censor, a thrilling enough tale that offers irrefutable evidence of the risk Hollanders are prepared to run when the safety of their heritage of centuries is at stake. That story concerns "The Night Watch."

On May 13, 1940, Medemblik, far from proving the unassailable shelter behind the dykes it was believed to be, lay in the path of the ever-extending line of battle. Hurdled the director of the Amsterdam Rijksmuseum got together twelve trusted and experienced men and set out with them to save the painting.

Toward nightfall they reached Medemblik Castle and the "Night Watch," measuring about 12 by 14½ feet, was loaded on an open truck normally used for the transportation of glass plates. Two closed passenger cars followed this van—but that night the procession did not advance very far. It stayed in a nearby village, under the protection of local peasants. One farmer distinguished himself by yielding a threadbare tarpaulin with which the picture was covered.

The procession made headway very slowly. Often its progress was hindered by droves of cattle, chased into "safety" by panic-stricken farmers. Once a German bomber saw the strange "convoy" and swooped down to have a second look at it. Fortunately the Nazi left the procession unmolested.

At many points where the dykes had been pierced to keep back the German hordes, the roads were hidden by floodwater. Here and there high-tension wires hung dangerously low across the highways. Once it was necessary to drive the truck off the road and over the soft, muddy shoulder in order to avoid electrocution of the entire company.

Toward midnight, the party reached its destination. The heavy steel doors were swung open, the "Night Watch" lifted from the truck. But immediately it became evident that the canvas was much too large for the opening of the shelter.

With infinite care it was laid in the open, and there, by the shine of torches, detached from the stretcher. Then, at last, it could be put into the cave. The doors were locked on one of the world's greatest pictures. Here it would stay until the German attack had been beaten off.

Exhausted, but happy, the members of the rescue party got back to Amsterdam. But when they awoke from a well-earned rest, Holland's army had capitulated. The Nazis were marching into every town and village.

And thus, till the day on which Holland shakes off the yoke of German domination, Rembrandt's "Night Watch" will remain hidden in its dark shelter—no longer a joy for millions of people from all over the earth, but happily beyond the reach of "art-collecting" Nazis.

Before dawn the trip was resumed—right through a region in which intermittent fighting took place. The final goal was a spot in which the Dutch Government and the Amsterdam Municipality had built a number of bomb-proof shelters, complete with heavy steel doors and complicated safety locks. Where this is remains a secret. All that can be divulged is that, though only thirty miles or so from Medemblik, it is situated in one of the most desolate parts of the Netherlands.

## Soviet Use Tanks With 5-inch Guns

The Russians have been using 60-ton tanks against the Germans. Some of them have 5-inch guns. They have three gun turrets and carry a howitzer, two light guns, and several machine-guns.

A Swiss newspaper correspondent has described the tanks as he saw them during a visit to Lwow, captured by the Germans after eight days' fighting.

"The guns, caterpillars and tanks appear to be completely new," he says.

"Immaculately painted, well looked after, cleanly finished, and well designed, these steel machines stand there produced by a State which 20 years ago hardly possessed its own machine armament factories."

The correspondent says Soviet tanks include 15-tonners equipped with 47 mm. guns, medium tanks equipped with 75 mm. guns, and bigger tanks with 15-centimeter (6-inch) guns.

### Creates Impression

"Even the few remains left by the Russians created a deep impression," he added.

The Germans say the big tanks are fast, but are vulnerable in close fighting, because, besides the big gun, they are equipped with only one machine-gun, low down and pointing forward, which can be put out of action with a hand grenade.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



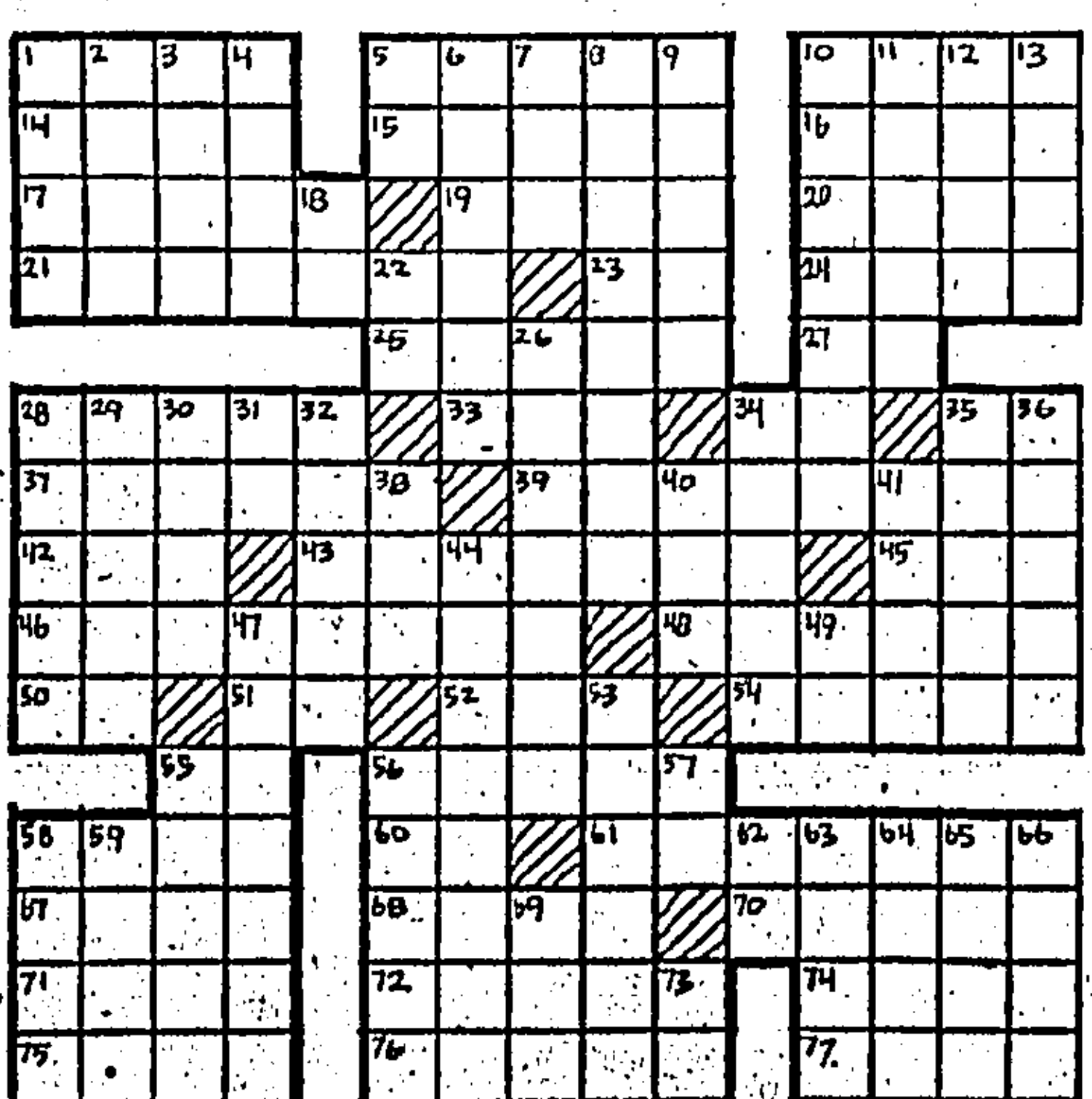
"Now see what you did?—You captured the wrong country!—You had the map upside down!"

## Crossword Puzzle

By LAIS MORRIS

ACROSS  
1—Killed  
2—Heavily  
3—Different male voice  
4—Fourth dimension  
5—Dancer  
6—Part of speech  
7—Purkinje's  
8—Hole in chest  
9—Pipe  
10—Design  
11—Hebrew letter  
12—Greek "and"  
13—Thread used as counter-irritant  
14—Dressed (col.)  
15—Louse  
16—Forward  
17—Familiar one who  
18—Wrestle  
19—Food poisoning  
20—Evergreen tree  
21—Killed woman  
22—Argumentative  
23—Manhump  
24—Holding wings  
25—Worthless thing  
26—Religious groups  
27—Proceded  
28—Word at end of  
29—Famine  
30—Musical instrument  
31—Jural suffix  
32—Storm  
33—Medicinal plant  
34—Mad (adv.)  
35—Veiled

DOWN  
1—Pace  
2—Capital of Peru  
3—Drive forth  
4—Lived (specie)  
5—Colonization  
6—Haze  
7—Cliff  
8—Pol-like name  
9—Pit feathers  
10—Climax  
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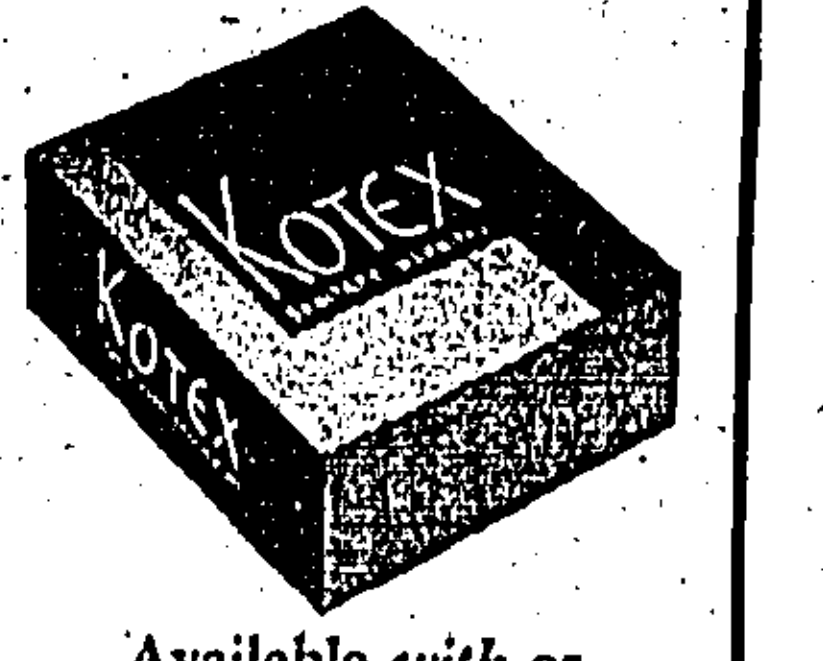


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- At the conclusion of the Competition, names will be entered in the Telegraph offices within seven days.
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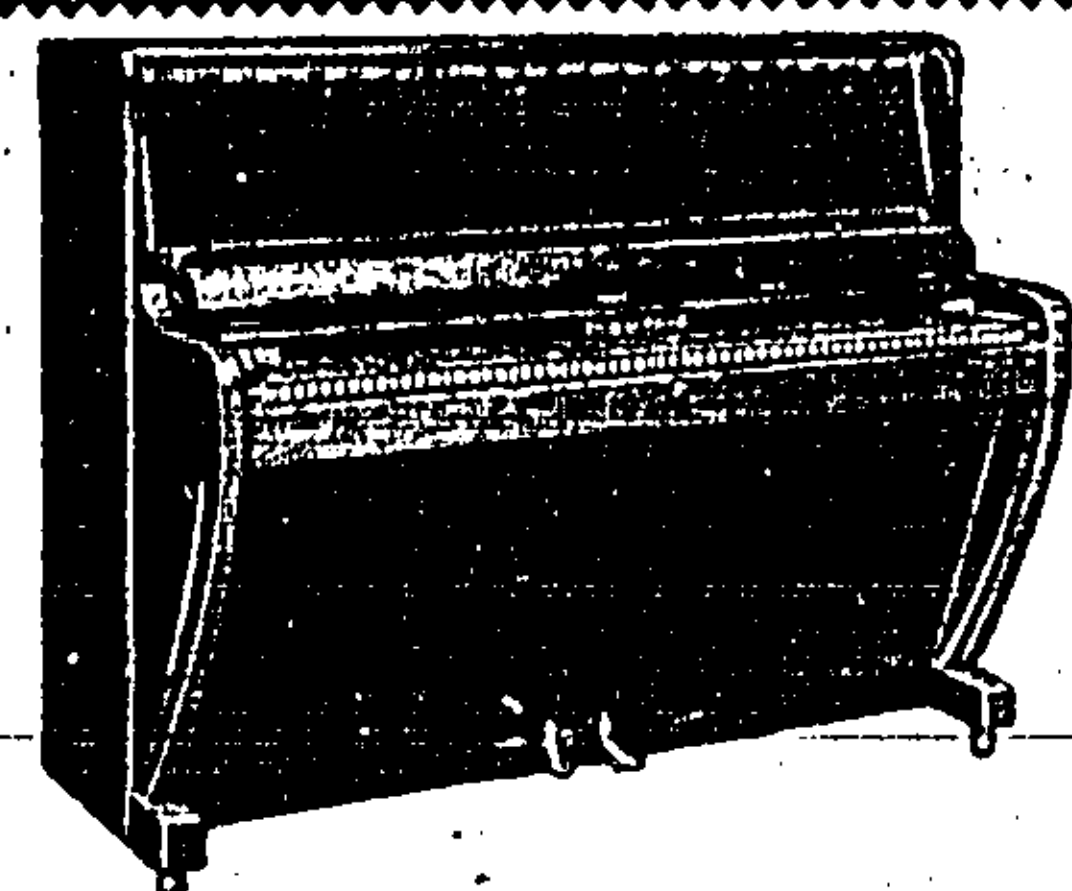
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### FUTURE PROBLEMS

THE terms of world peace when they are arrived at, will fill many books. The Sino-Japanese hostilities cover a multitude of issues apart from conquest and defeat on the field. However, it is worth while to look at some of the aspects that the arbitrators will have to consider when the Axis has been broken and its Far East segment fitted back into its proper place in the scheme of a democratic New Order.

China will expect the evacuation of all Japanese forces from the occupied areas; She will not yield Manchukuo willingly but might subscribe to autonomy there if this was established under unbiased supervision. Any "special position" held by Japan in the five northern provinces could not be of a permanent character. With sincerity on both sides and the kindly erasions of time these areas would revert fully to China. The Japanese Navy would remain a threat to Asia and Europe until a liberal government took the reins in Tokyo; and America completed her two-ocean navy. However, since Britain and America will not disarm, a balance of forces could be maintained under an armaments section of the League of Nations which must be resurrected in a nobler and more perfect form. This section would also have to supervise the numerous armed bases facing Europe from all sides.

The small states of South America have gotten along well apart from such comparatively minor frictions as the Chaco war, the present Peru-Ecuador border dispute etc., small matters that can be settled with little bloodshed and little effect on the world at large. Therefore, there is no reason why Czechoslovakia cannot be resurrected, Croatia be given autonomy, a Ukraine created and Manchukuo become a separate and friendly state all under the auspices of a League of Nations that would not be a rabbit warren of intrigues with the Powers shirking their duties.

Apart from the ravaging thirty years war in the 17th Century history shows that Germany was happy and not more backward than its neighbours when that name covered a host of little principalities and margravates; it was when these were forged by fire and blood



Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, addresses Czech troops, somewhere in England.

WHEN Dr Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, mentioned in a speech in London early this year that he had three times refused a German offer of a bilateral pact in the years before the war, Goebbels seized on the news and attempted to make mischief in the Protectorate. The Czech Press was ordered to distort the President's words to suggest that he had abused his position to prevent "agreement" between Czechoslovakia and Germany and used the Munich agreement to cloak warlike preparations.

This drew an answer, and an effective answer. Five broadcast messages from Britain to the Czech people by Dr Prokop Drtina, the President's political secretary, revealed for the first time some of the secret history of Hitler's private negotiations with neighbour States and secret preparations for conquest on the grand scale as early as 1938. It is not material which, so far, has been disclosed to the English-speaking world, but the following is an outline of the very surprising statements which Dr Benes felt compelled to make to silence the malevolence of Goebbels and to let in new light on the methods of Hitler in laying his plans for war.

### Dr Benes' Close Collaborator

DR Benes, dividing his time as he did between Prague and Geneva, had for many years had an excellent view behind the scenes of Central European politics; he lived close to the simmering volcano which was at last to erupt over the Continent.

Dr Drtina, who had been a member of Prof. T. G. Masaryk's Presidential bureau, became Dr Benes' secretary on his election as President of Czechoslovakia at the beginning of 1936. After Dr Benes resigned and left the country Dr Drtina remained for almost a year till, in December, 1939, his position as an important link with the exiled Government became too dangerous. He fled, with the Gestapo hot on his track, and is now once more Dr Benes' closest collaborator.

Thus it comes about that he was instructed to make these into one nation that the terrible Teutonic efficiency demanded sacrifices, first of the people, then of the neighbours, and finally of the world. There may be efficiency in a unified direction of such a conglomerate of states as Germany was a little more than a hundred years ago but the chief aim of the world is not efficiency, but peace, prosperity and contentment.

# WHEN HITLER'S SECRET ENVOYS VISITED BENES

Disclosures of Nazi proposals to Czechoslovakia which betrayed Germany's preparation for war

By O. H. BRANDON

disclosures. The substance of the broadcasts has been published in book form in the Czech language, but is not yet available in English.

### Two Envoys On A Trip To Prague

HITLER would never have been content merely to rule Germany. The idea of world domination was always in his mind. As early as the autumn of 1933 feelers were put out from Berlin to discover whether Czechoslovakia could not be persuaded to sign in secret a bilateral pact leaving Britain and her ally France and those other allies, Russia and the Little Entente, out of the picture. Dr Benes, then Foreign Minister, replied that any negotiations must include all European countries and that agreements must embrace Britain, France and their allies on the one side and Germany on the other.

Dr Benes foresaw that Hitler's object was to split allies and possible allies so that he might deal with each separately, and realised that safety lay only in collective security. Hitler started his campaign against the League of Nations, but although Dr Benes warned both France and Britain of his purpose, it seemed that they still thought agreement with Hitler was possible.

On Oct. 11, 1936, two confidential envoys, sent personally by Hitler, arrived in Prague to open negotiations with Dr Benes. During the course of them they returned to Berlin and came once again to Prague, on Dec. 18, after having reported to Hitler.

Dr Benes heard them with attention, although he saw through their game. They offered agreement with Germany on condition that the President revoked his pact with France and Russia. When Dr Benes asked whether that meant that he must break off his alliance with those Powers they replied that this "would not really be necessary," but that, in the event of a conflict between, say, France and Germany, Czechoslovakia would simply not fulfil her pledges.

This was the Fuehrer's first appeal to perfidy.

### Triumph Denied To Hitler

DR Benes asked whether their offer would mean that Czechoslovakia must resign from the League of Nations, because what was suggested was in direct contradiction to the Covenant. Hitler's spokesmen an accommodation and at one moment it seemed as if in the necessary either. In the event Henleinist councils moderation of Geneva making a decision unfavourable to Germany, among the malcontents who refused to carry out the decision of the League.

What a triumph for Hitler if von Neurath's aide-de-camp in Dr Benes had said: Yes! Not the terrorisation of the Czechs

only would Germany have taken immediate charge of Czechoslovakia's internal politics; but it would have been a signal defeat for the Western Allies and a sign that that front was not proof against Hitler's poison.

### The Henleinists

DR Benes agreed, with the stipulation that both his Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary should be informed. The two envoys therefore had to see the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister themselves and inform him of their mission. Dr Benes' statement—also told the representatives of the Czechoslovak Constitution.

Hitler, having come to the conclusion that he had failed to entangle Dr Benes, tried next by the weight of his own personality to impress and persuade him. The potential Fifth Column represented by the Sudeten German (Henlein) party had attempted to bring Dr Benes under their influence even before his election as President of Czechoslovakia. In December, 1935, while he was still Foreign Minister, one of the Sudeten German members of Parliament came to offer him the Henlein party's support at the coming elections on "certain conditions." A meeting with Henlein and even with Hitler was proposed.

Thus Henlein admitted, as early as 1935, his party's active collaboration with Hitler, and it becomes now obvious why Dr Benes did not trust his promises and did not accede to the party's demands. He refused to the proffered bargain.

Hitler was infuriated. His next move was to use the Henleinists to stir up internal conflict. Dr Benes found the Sudeten German clamour growing and the party's influence challenged the tranquillity of the State.

In 1938 he made proposals for an accommodation and at one moment it seemed as if in the Henleinist councils moderation might win the day. Those who feared war—and its consequences to the Sudeten Germans—hesitated; but Dr Frank (now von Neurath's aide-de-camp in the terrorisation of the Czechs)

### Counter-Proposal

#### Unanswered

WHAT had happened to the secret envoys and their mission of October, 1936? When they left Prague they took to Hitler Dr Benes' counter-proposals which suggested that Germany should confirm the "Locarno Agreement" with Czechoslovakia of 11 years before. Dr Benes received that confirmation, upon which he further proposed an agreement, based on the Locarno Pact, which would recognise all Czechoslovakia's obligations towards other States. The text of this agreement was sent to Berlin. In January, 1937, the envoys informed Dr Benes that Hitler had received their report favourably. The months of 1937 slipped by, but no answer ever came to the proposals.

The history of the envoys does not link up again with the history of events until a year later. About the middle of August, 1938, the signal was given for firing the powder magazine inside Czechoslovakia. Frank, Henlein and other leaders had escaped across the frontier to Germany. The envoys' mission had failed; Hitler had laid aside all thought of a "peaceable" alternative.

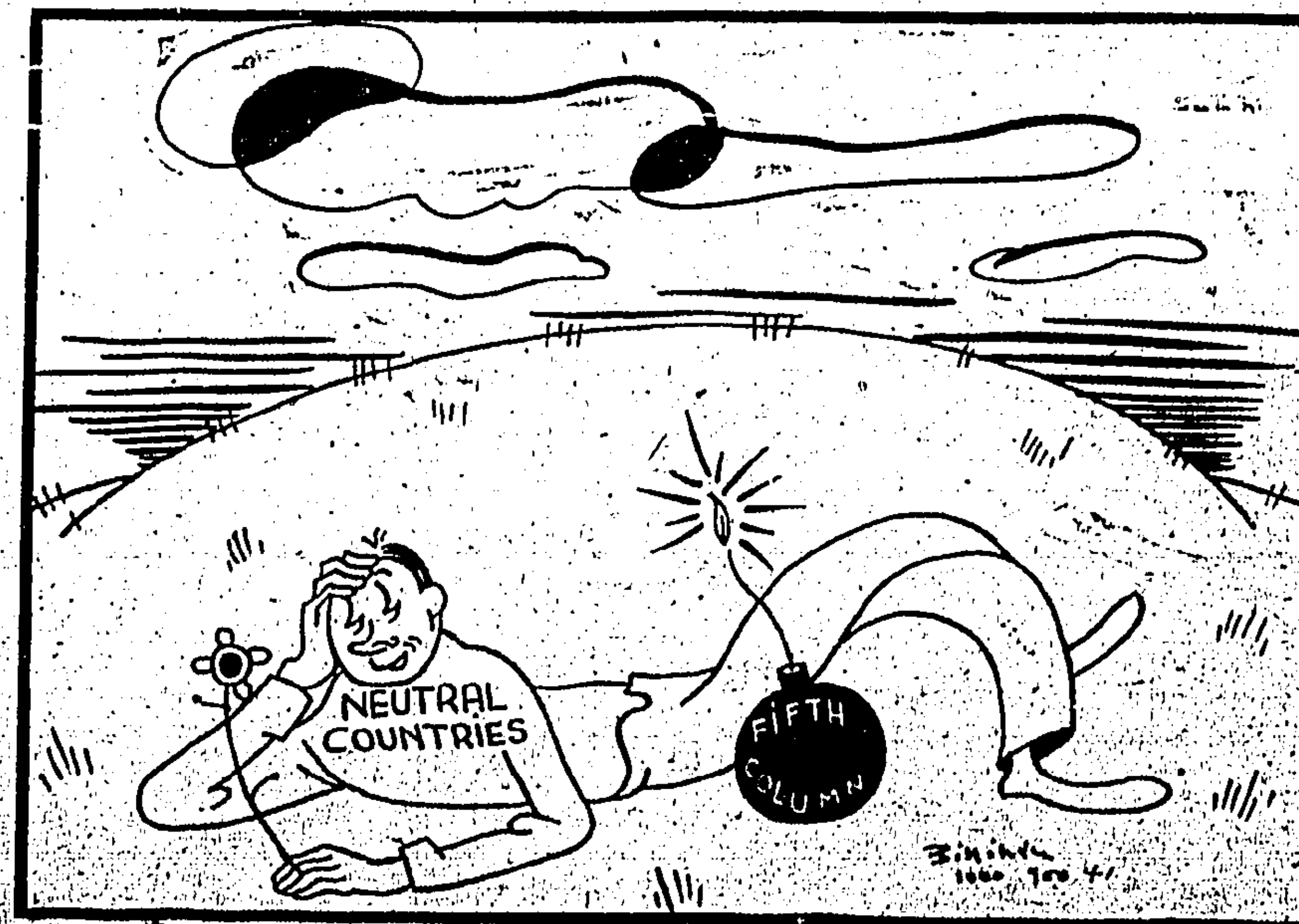
### Rebuff From An Honest Man

THESE are the events as Dr Drtina has described them. The Czechs now know something of Hitler's methods of approaching individual statesmen in his attempt to win them over to schemes of treachery. It is probable that this was the pattern for some of the negotiations in other countries. There have certainly been other secret agents visiting foreign statesmen. Sometimes they have failed, but as history shows, they have had some successes.

The Nazi undermining of Europe's capitals and frontiers was prepared with careful foresight many years ahead. The failure to make Dr Benes an agent in the business must have been for Hitler the first sign that there are statesmen who will honour their pledges.

Dr Benes lost the game to Hitler. He lost, and left Czechoslovakia, but he did not give up the fight for his country's liberation.

He had seen Hitler in his true colours and understood his plans. Though the Czechoslovak Army never had a chance to fight, it is worth recalling that Czechoslovakia under Dr Benes was the only democracy which was increasing its armed forces—and this was due to the President's foresight.



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## THREAT TO PARISIANS

### Extreme Reprisals For Acts Against Nazis

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
VICHY, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Germans have published a notice in Paris threatening to take hostages from "all categories of the Parisian population" if the attacks continue against German military personnel. The occupation authorities state that the notice was made in the press and by placards as a follow-up of the execution of ten hostages yesterday.

It said: "If the attacks continue, the occupation authorities will make reprisals in increasing numbers, and hostages will not be exclusively chosen from among the Communists but all categories of the Parisian population."

## German Spies In America

**Trial Continuing**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A German-born United States Government informer William Sebald, giving evidence to-day before the Federal Court in the trial of members of the alleged Nazi spy ring, said that five months before the occupation of Iceland was announced, a German agent told him that 30,000 American soldiers and 4,000 officers would be sent to Greenland and Iceland.

Sebald also stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had intercepted most of the messages sent to the United States for German spies. As a result, German spies often complained of poor pay.

## Italians Shut Up In Gondar

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—"In the Gondar area, where the last remnants of the Italian Army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces, weather conditions have now permitted resumption of our offensive activities."

During the past few days, patrols from our troops were in contact with the enemy holding defending positions in Gondar.

## SUPPLYING NAVAL BASES

**Call On Merchantmen**  
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Rear-Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commander of the Third Naval District, announced that the United States Navy has arranged to use 17 merchantmen as supply ships to naval bases outside continental United States.

Several have been put into service and the remainder will be ready shortly.

All ships will be manned with civilian crews.

## Legionaries Want Radical Action

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The American Legion, which is composed of veterans of the last World War and is one of the most influential organizations in the United States, passed a resolution to-day proposing the removal of geographical limitations on the use of American troops.

The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act.

The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.

## Five Austrians Executed

**Hostile Tendencies**  
STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Five Austrians were executed in Berlin on Tuesday, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish paper "Dagens Nyheter."

Of one Eduard Jaroslavsky, it was said that he displayed hostile tendencies towards the state for many years and had recently attempted to impair the powers of resistance of the German people.

The other four were executed for reason of espionage, which they performed for payment from a foreign Power.

## "New Yorker" On Gory Gutter-snipe

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The "New Yorker" on September 13 wrote: "Hitler has been trying lately to show contempt for the English gentleman but when writing 'Mein Kampf' he thought them wonderful and probably he still does. We have the idea that the aristocratic bad manners of the British were what drove him into the Russian campaign. The Fuehrer could stand plenty but when Mr Churchill spoke of him publicly as a 'bloody gutter-snipe', he blew up, more at the noun than at the adjective, and flung his armies against the Soviet, trying to promote a crusade to save Christian gentility."

## Malcolm MacDonald In London For Talks

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner in Canada, has arrived in London for important consultations with the Dominion Office.

Mr. MacDonald made the Atlantic crossing at the week-end in the same bomber as the Duke of Kent. This is Mr. MacDonald's first visit since he took up his duties in Canada and he is expected to return shortly.



**HOUSEWIVES CONTRIBUTE**—In response to British government's plea, British housewives of Cobham, England, bring surplus fruit to village centre for bottling or preserving. After inspection by Ministry of Agriculture, it's then sold at controlled prices.

## DUKE OF KENT TELLS OF CANADIAN VISIT

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent has returned from his five-weeks' tour of Canada, amazed at the growth of the Empire Air Training plan. In the course of his visit, he covered about 15,000 miles by air.

Broadcasting his impressions of the air training plan to-night, the Duke said: "I do not think the people in this country have any idea of the magnitude of the plan nor of the very rapid expansion which has taken place."

Two years ago it was a plan; to-day it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skillful selection and individual training.

"Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

They came from all parts of the Empire and there was "an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America. This is a great partnership," he continued.

"We are all contributing to it in our own ways, but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore take special pride in its outstanding success."

**Industries At Work**  
The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic, and her great military camps. "The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian people has impressed me deeply," he declared. "It may be because I have been in the new world for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts at least from the tragic events of the present and look forward to the day when the whole world will once more be pursuing the paths of peace."

"If I believe that out of this conflict there is surely being born a friendship and union of those people who cherish freedom for freedom's sake, not only preserving the hard-won privileges of liberty but of re-dedicating these simple fundamentals of life, honesty and fair dealing between men and nations upon which any new and better order must be founded."

## ISABEL JEANS STRANDED

Stranded in Estoril, sunny watering-place fifteen miles from Lisbon, is British actress Isabel Jeans—en route from Hollywood to home.

Urgently desiring her presence in London is Ivor Novello—who can't get on with plans for his new mammoth musical spectacle till she arrives.

So to the Foreign Office and elsewhere goes Novello, pleading that they find her plane-space. But it's no use.

Isabel, who secured a seat in the Transatlantic Clipper without difficulty, has been Estoril-bound for the last six weeks.

So have Mrs. Evelyn Williams and about 300 other homing Britons.

What with clothes rationing (you know the size of the Novello shows) and no Isabel, our Ivor's head is aching.

## How Much Aluminium It Takes For A Plane

It takes 28,000 pounds of aluminium to manufacture one bomber, according to statistics compiled by the Canadian National War Services Salvage Bureau.

It takes 4,000 pounds of the metal for a fighter plane and 952,000 pounds to construct one battleship, it was stated.

## Another Nazi Killed

VICHY, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A German N.C.O. was gravely wounded by someone unknown last night near Paris. He died this morning, says the Vichy news agency.

It is notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 1941, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

## Islamic Union Need for More Burial Space Causes Concern

The General Committee of the Islamic Union have issued their report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1941, to be presented at the annual meeting on September 21.

The number of subscribers has increased from 245 to 260 during the year under review; but the financial position continued to be poor although subscribers responded better than formerly. Contributions have increased from \$1,778.80 to \$1,926.37.

There was an excess of receipts over disbursements of \$205.37. The Union's debt account with the Indian Moslem Society now stands at \$427.50.

A number of collapses occurred in different sections of the Cemetery due to heavy rain. Repairs were effected as far as funds were available, and the place has been kept in its usual satisfactory condition.

The Guardian of the Cemetery has reported that there were only a very limited number of burial spaces left in the Cemetery and that unless new grounds were laid the Cemetery would very shortly be closed for further burials. The Committee view this situation with grave concern. It is understood that the Union Trustees have since been in constant touch with the Board of Trustees in connection with finding ways and means to cope with the situation.

Apart from receiving the continued support of members of the Union it is gratifying to note that many friends, including one from Australia and another from Shanghai, have also donated towards the Benevolent Fund which again gave relief to many needy cases.

There were two issues of the Union Magazine, which has continued to prove popular to subscribers and friends. Owing to high cost of printing and other causes it has not been possible to publish more than two issues.

The Committee record with regret the death of the following subscribers to whose relatives the deepest sympathy is extended.—Awat, and Ma Chik-ling.

The Committee thank Messrs K. Nazari and A. R. Razack for auditing the accounts.

## Vigorous Protest By Egypt

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—A report from Cairo to the Exchange Telegraph says that it is understood that the Egyptian Government has protested vigorously to Germany and Italy in connection with the air raid on Monday night.

## New Offensive In Abyssinia

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (UP).—In connection with the resumption of the offensive in northwest Abyssinia, it is believed that there are about 15,000 Italian and native troops around Gondar and Wolchait, commanded by General Nash.

## Lecture On Laws

The sixth lecture on Soccer Laws Nos. 13 and 14, on Free Kicks and the Penalty Kick, will again be given at Sealand Point Hall at 7 p.m. to-day so that those who were unable to attend the last meeting on account of the typhoon may not miss the complete series of lectures. All interested are welcome.

## Material For Soviet

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that the United States is providing \$100,000,000 for Russia to purchase war material in the United States.

## H.M. Submarine Lost

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—"The Board of the Admiralty regret to announce that H. M. Submarine P-32 (Lieutenant D.A.B. Abdy) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed," says the Admiralty to-night.

## Anniversary Of Mukden Incident

A manifesto on the tenth anniversary of the "Mukden Incident" to-day has been issued by over 340 refugees in Hongkong, from Manchuria, urging the Chinese people with the help of the Democracies to strive for the recovery of Manchuria.

Calling for a world united front against Fascist aggression, the manifesto points out that had responsible leaders in the League of Nations wisely responded to China's appeal to check Japan in 1931-1933, "the League would not have been so treacherously wrecked and Mussolini and Hitler would not have been given the opportunity to embark on their devilish work of death."

While strong support is given to the A.B.C. bloc, the message goes further by calling for serious guarantees such as those given to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Greece and other Powers. As long as no serious undertaking is concluded between China, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States, and as long as the war in Europe and the war in Asia are not merged, the A.B.C. bloc or any true international front against Fascism would remain "a mere rhetorical and futile gesture."

The Manchurian refugees all long and yearn to see the dawn of the day of liberation when they will again enjoy the dignity and decency of free man, free to return again to their homes and soil.

**Aid To Guerrillas**  
"In the midst of our plight," their manifesto states, "we implore that your government may give our fighting guerrillas moral and assistance instead of token support and release Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, who has been deprived of his freedom for no other reason than the part played by him in bringing about the change of our national policy from non-resistance to active resistance. It is a crime, posterity will judge us."

Fears are expressed in the manifesto that "an influential school of thought" abroad harbours the view that Manchuria might be sacrificed in order to appease Japan, and that in the hours of distress and illusion which may come in the course of this school of thought may influence the decisions of statesmen to-day as the school of appeasement influenced the rulers of Munich days.

"Manchuria is an integral part of China," concludes the manifesto. "The blood, sweat and tears of more than thirty million Chinese have moulded from a wilderness of the north into an economically developed region. In the whole of China it is the richest in resources and soil."

"If Manchuria is not restored to China, the death of millions of Chinese soldiers and the sacrifice of hundreds of millions of Chinese will have been in vain, and the war of anti-aggression and for freedom of human decency for which the mankind and womanhood of Europe and the world are fighting and suffering will also have been in vain."

"To-day there is an urgent need of a world united against Fascist aggression, and we look for the assistance from friendly nations."

## Hongkong Meeting

To-day being the tenth anniversary of the Mukden Incident which led to the Japanese occupation of the three North-eastern provinces in 1931, Chinese residents here will hold a meeting in observance of the occasion at the King's Theatre at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, former Minister of Communications, will preside, while Admiral Chan Chak and Mr. Li Ying-lam, President of Lingnan University, have been invited to speak.

## Mid-West Farms To Aid Britain

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The "New York Daily News" is now running a series of articles by its own correspondents, Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous up-swing of food production in the Mid-Western states.

The first article, appearing on September 9, was headlined "Isolationist States Help Win British Food War."

This investigation tour of the big five defense food states proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about war-time pantries. The English also may know that pork, canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fall them.

"The American farmer has done a remarkable job of speed-up,"

## EVENTS OF TEHERAN

### SHAH'S SUCCESSOR

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—British and Russian forces of about equal strength, are approaching the neighbourhood of Teheran.

The new Shah would be judged on his merits and would begin his reign with very limited powers under a constitution, compared with those exercised by his father.

"Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent learns that one of the most satisfactory features of recent developments in Persia has been the complete unity of the views and purpose in Anglo-Soviet actions. All plans for all eventualities were carefully considered and complete agreement on all points existed between Mr. Eden, the Foreign Secretary, and M. Ivan Malasky, the Russian Ambassador, whose attitude is officially described as having been "most helpful."

### Premier's Statement

TEHERAN, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Iranian Prime Minister, Ali Furanghi, announced in Parliament to-day that Allied troops were advancing toward Teheran although the Government had asked them not to approach the city.

"We hope this will be effective," he said, "but even if they do come, members should be easy in their minds for they have no hostile intentions. They have assured us of this and we are certain that we can rely on that promise."

### Constitutional Monarch

The Prime Minister said he had been authorised by the new Shah to say that he would rule as a completely constitutional monarch. "He will observe the law of the constitution and the rights of the people of Iran," Ali Furanghi said.

"He will obey all acts already passed or in future to be passed by Parliament and will do his best to amend the wrongs done to the people singly or collectively."

"He will try to ensure that all hopes and wishes of the people shall be realised," the Prime Minister told members.

He also promised full facilities for a Committee of Parliament with experts to verify his assurance that the Crown jewels were safe in the National Bank in Teheran.

## Sweeping RAF Raids Across N. France

FROM PAGE ONE

Explosions were heard from the French coast.

**Great Damage Done**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Fuller information now available concerning the R.A.F. raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, this afternoon reveals that the damage caused was very considerable.

The Air Ministry states that this plant is an important one, have batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and ether together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheim bombers had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works—one explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works where the bombs exploded on a large container.

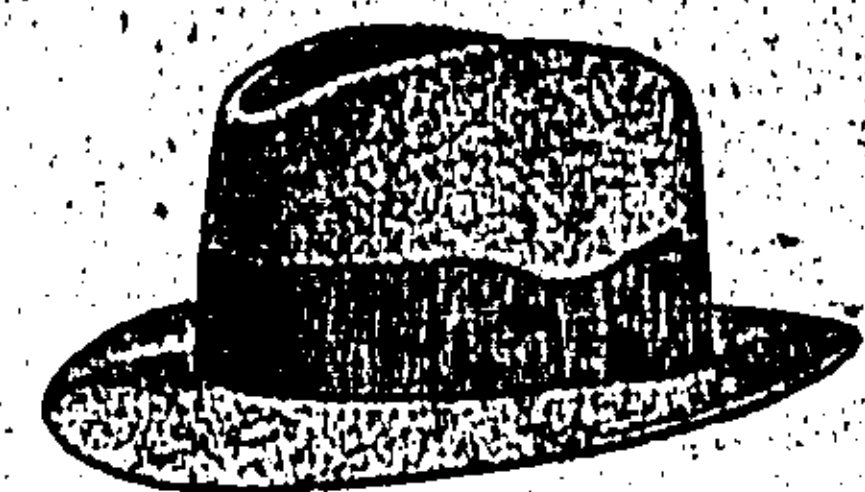
**Cloud Cover**  
Describing this, one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be the outside of a gas container blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

Although the weather was clear on this side of the Channel, there was some cloud over Northern France but not enough to hide the objective. Every bomber was able to make a good run up to the target.

The efforts of German fighters to pierce the screen of British fighters and stop the bombers failed and the bombers observed that fires were still spreading when they left.



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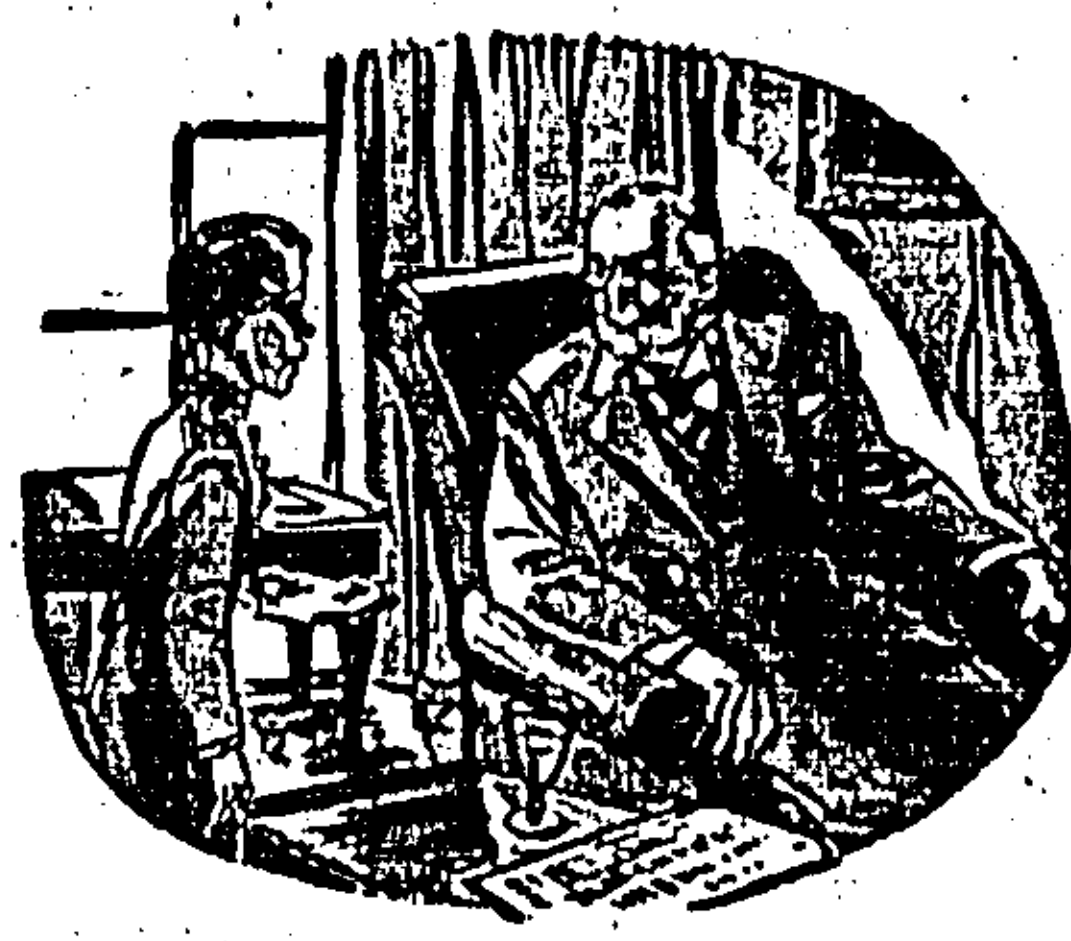
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"How old are you, my boy?"  
"Fourteen and seven months, Sir."

"And how long have you been in the hotel business?"  
"Six months and two weeks, Sir."

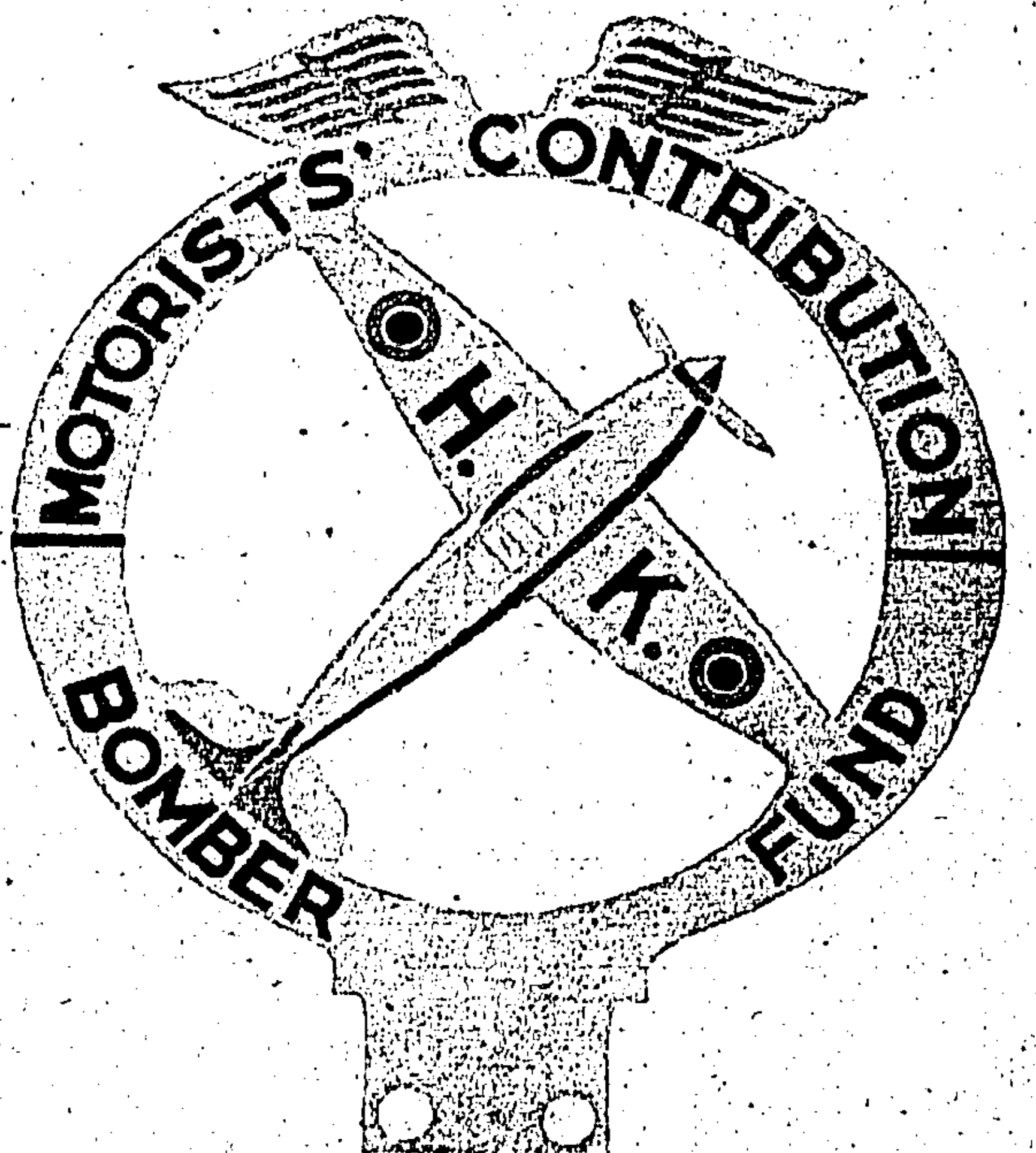
"And are you going to stick to it?"  
"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go into reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."

"And then come back and manage an hotel?"  
"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

"I see. Well, my lad, if you want to succeed in life, just take a hint from me. When a guest asks for a Gimlet make sure that he gets what he asks for. Rose's Lime Juice is the pure juice of the lime. This ersatz concoction is nothing of the sort."

"I'm terribly sorry, Sir. Owing to some oversight on the part of the management..."

"Boy, remember George Washington. Now get me some Rose's Lime Juice, and don't come back till you've got it. And here's a florin for your trouble."



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# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## Junior League Competition Still Keen

Kowloon Tong Challenges  
Kowloon F. C. Again  
Need For Umpires At  
Championship Matches

APART from the championship of the First Division—already won by Craigengower C.C.—interest in the League still runs high, and the results of the matches played on Saturday last have made competition even keener.

In the First Division, for instance, several teams are struggling to avoid relegation. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B," one of the teams in danger, obtained four valuable points at the expense of the Indians at Austin Road and, as the Civil Service C.C. were beaten 5-0 by K.B.G.C. "A," the K.B.G.C. "B" are now two and a half points ahead of the Civil Servants.

In the Second Division, Kowloon Football Club, favourites for the championship, were beaten 5-0 by Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, and Kowloon Tong got over their bad spell by scoring a clean-sweep win over Hongkong C.C. at Kowloon Tong.

The K.F.C. are still three points ahead of Kowloon Tong, each team having two more matches to play.

In the Third Division, Police R.C. consolidated their position by taking five points from Hongkong C.C. at Chater Road.

They need only four more points from their last two matches to be certain of the title, and they are very likely to get them too.

THE most exciting match of the day was that at Austin Road where Kowloon B.G.C. "B" defeated the Indians by one shot and by four points to one, being up on two rinks.

The peculiar thing about the result, from the Indians' point of view, was that they had on paper two strong rinks—Abbas and Minu's—and one scratch side, led by D. M. Khan.

They expected Abbas and Minu to win by a margin sufficient to cover Khan should the last-named go down.

But both Abbas and Minu were beaten and it was left to Khan to score the Indians' solitary point.

Abbas' open rink were beaten by Len Sykes' quartette by two shots after a very good game. Several hands were changed in an interesting manner in this encounter, but Sykes and his men were a little more consistent than their opponents and deserved their win.

Sykes himself was deadly accurate in his draws to the jack and throughout the afternoon seldom sent down a bad wood.

On the 20th end, when he was leading 20-18, Sykes found a lie of five against him when his turn came to bowl. But he sprang the jack for one with his very first wood—a very fine effort.

On the other rinks, Jock McKelvie, ably supported by John Gill at No. 3, proved a little too good for A. K. Minu and won by nine shots; while D. M. Khan, making his debut as

skip, was ten shots to the good against Joe Meyer.

THE champions, visiting their neighbours, Police R.C., left with four points. U. M. Omar's 100 per cent. record remained intact as he beat Jock Fender's four by 18 shots. "U.M." himself was once again in great form.

The lone Poller point was obtained by Jim Shepherd's rink against C. S. Rossiter, who was playing with a scratch four. And taking this into consideration, it was a good performance on Rossiter's part to hold Shepherd to only four shots.

In the absence of B. W. Bradbury, J. S. Landoll piloted Craigengower's third rink and won by three shots against Bill Hollands, whose first defeat in three games it was.

KOWLOON DOCKS, who were at one time one of the teams in danger of relegation, have done well lately. Last week they continued this good work by trouncing Recreio "B" by five points to nil at Hung Hom, and are now well out of danger.

KOWLOON TONG must be kicking themselves for having that bad run several weeks ago when they could do nothing right. With each team having two matches to play, Kowloon Tong now find themselves three points behind Kowloon F.C.

But their opportunity will come on September 27 when they meet the Footballers.

They will have to be in good form, however, if they want to win as the match will be decided at Chatham Road.

IN the Third Division, the Police took no chances with the Hongkong C.C. and rubbed it in to the tune of 28 shots, and five points to nil. I, for one, do not blame them as they cannot afford to drop any points at this stage.

With the Police doing so well, I am afraid that Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Indians, who have been at the head of the League Table for so long, must now see their dream fade away.

WHEN the draw in the semi-final round of the Colony

### Football

COMBINED CHINESE  
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To Aid Relief Fund

TWO CHARITY MATCHES in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China were arranged at a meeting of the H.K.F.A. League Management Committee last night, these games to be played on the Caroline Hill Stadium on October 10.

In the curtain-raiser, the Chinese Pressmen who are players in the Junior Divisions (2nd and 3rd) will meet the Rest of those two Sections, the second game being the Combined Chinese against the Rest of the Colony.

The times for kick-off are 3 p.m. and 4.45 p.m., admission being \$1.20, 60 cents and 40 cents.

Record Entries  
For Kowloon Chess  
Club Tournaments

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, September 25, at 6 p.m. to receive and consider the Committee's report and statement of accounts, to elect officers for the season 1941/42, and to elect two representatives for the season 1941/42 on the Colony Championship Committee.

The Club report discloses that in the Colony Open Championship, six competitors entered, five being members of the Club, and one from the Victoria Chess Club. L. Karpovich emerged winner without being beaten. In the Junior Championship, which was established for the first time this year, there were 13 entrants, with Yu Yu-lau emerging champion.

Record Entries

There was a record number of entries in both the senior and junior club tournaments. Joint winners of the senior tournament were D. E. de Carvalho and C. M. Sequeira, with A. C. Pousard winning the junior championship.

It is proposed to publish a Chess magazine in the near future, with Mr. K. Wells as editor. It is hoped that members will support this undertaking as the profits from the magazine will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund.

Last Batch Of  
Australian Ponies

Although they had a very rough trip up from Australia, the third and final batch of Australian ponies, comprising 26 subscription entries and four Griffins, arrived in the Colony safely yesterday. They were all shipped to the Colony on deck.

Major F. Hogg, of the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, who travelled on the same ship, said that despite the severe buffeting, the animals all arrived in excellent condition.

Total of 96  
This brings the total of Subscription Griffins to 96, seventy having arrived previously.

A notice has been posted to all members of the Hongkong Jockey Club inviting them to subscribe for these ponies to be drawn for at the end of the month. They will be raced in the 1942 season.

rinks championship was announced, it was recognised that unless the players were much below form, the match between the rinks led by U. M. Omar and A. J. Hall—two veteran Inter-Port skips—would provide better fare than the encounter between J. Shepherd and M. R. Abbas.

This expectation was fulfilled on the Civil Service green on Sunday last when the two games were decided.

While the I.B.C. rink won fairly comfortably against Shepherd's four, there was a great struggle between Omar and Hall. Never were there more than four shots separating the two rinks and when the last head was played, Omar was leading 10-15.

Hall played a splendid shot on this last end, when the opponents were lying four, resting out the first shot, and Omar had extremely bad luck in promoting an opposing wood for second shot to clinch the match.

The game has already been described and I need say little more about it except that U. M. Omar, after a brilliant exhibition, was unfortunate to play his two really bad shots of the game on this vital head. It was very unlike him to be short when the opponents were lying four.

One other point I should like to bring to the notice of the authorities is that in important matches like the semi-finals of an open competition, umpires should be appointed.

More often than not in rink games, or even in pairs, umpires are not required as the skips themselves can generally decide if the No. 3's cannot reach an agreement; but as it happened on Sunday the measure was so close on the 20th end and the game had reached such a critical stage that it would have been much better for all concerned if there had been an official umpire.

An umpire should certainly be appointed for the final, the date of which has not been announced.



WITHOUT AN UMPIRE... this is what happens, and it took quite some time. L. Sykes on his knees with the tape measuring with B. W. Bradbury, A. M. Omar and R. Duncan watching tensely.—Ming Yuen.

## Volunteer Team Chosen For Inter-Services Gala Changes In Artillery Line-up

TOGETHER with the announcement of the Corps swimming team, changes in the Corps Artillery selections are notified for the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps aquatic championships and the Inter-Services gala to be held at the Army pool on Saturday commencing at 9 p.m.

The Corps selections present a very even front and is very representative. Only one man takes part in two events, that being E. A. Roberts, of No. 3 Company, who is swimming in both the 3 x one-length relay and the 4 x 100 yards free-style relay.

The majority of the swimmers, however, have to keep an eye on the Corps Championship events, and taking part in too many events might jeopardise the chances of their respective units.

The programme is an attractive one and in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. One of the outstanding features of the programme is the fact that the gala will enter to all those services of Naval, Military and Civilian nature, which are connected with the Colony's War Effort for in addition to the four Volunteer and four Inter-Services events, there are also items for the Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. A.N.S., the A.R.P. Police and Auxiliary Fire Service.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, has intimated that he will be present and the Senior Naval Officer, Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N., will also attend.

The Corps medley relay team is, perhaps, the most formidable of the lot, being comprised of A. K. Rumjahn (back-stroke champion), Luis M. Remedios (breast-stroke) and D. Lyon (free-style). This team, with the exception of Lyon, but who is also of the V.R.C., is the regular V.R.C. medley relay team that has done so well this season.

However, it must be noted that in none of the breast-stroke events the butterfly stroke permitted, it not being recognised by either the Army rules or those of the Volunteers.

The programme is:  
1. Corps Championship, 4 x two lengths free-style relay.  
2. Invitation event. One Length open to the Police Forces.  
3. Corps Championship, Nursing Detachment, One Length.  
4. Corps Championship, 4 x 100 yards free-style relay.  
5. Inter-Services, 4 x one length freestyle relay.  
6. Invitation event. One length freestyle open to Auxiliary Fire Service.  
7. Water-polo. H.K.V.D.C. v. Combined Services.  
8. Corps Championship, 4 x one length freestyle relay.  
9. Corps Championship, 100 yards Medley relay.  
10. Corps Championship, Diving.  
11. Invitation stroke permit.  
12. Invitation relay. One length freestyle open to A.R.P. men.  
13. Inter-Services 3 x one length medley relay.  
14. Corps Championship, 6 x one length free-style relay.

Corps Selections

Corps representatives will be:  
6 x one length free-style relay—F. W. Lyon (free-style), E. A. Roberts (No. 3 Coy), J. M. Gosano (Portuguese Coy), D. Hutchingson (Small Units),  
4 x 100 yards free-style relay—W. C. Lawrence (Small Units), Luis M. Remedios (Portuguese Coy), and A. A. da Rosa (Small Units),  
D. Booker and G. Anstle (Mobile Col.),  
3 x one length medley relay—A. K. Rumjahn (Small Units), Luis M. Remedios (Portuguese Coy), and D. Lyon (Artillery).

Corps Championship Teams

The following are tentative selections for the Corps Championship teams:

DIVING  
Mobile Column—G. Anstle and N. D. Booker.  
Portuguese Coys.—Cleora, Rosario and Luis M. Remedios.  
Stable M.G.'s—R. Goldman and A. Zimmern.  
Small Units—A. A. Noronha and C. L. Salter.  
Corps Artillery—F. J. Wilson and L. Goldman.

FOUR-MEN RELAY (One Length Each)

Mobile Column—N. D. Hammond, D. Hutchingson, G. Arnold, and N. D. Booker.  
Portuguese Coys.—G. N. Gosano, Luis M. Remedios, E. da Rosa and Jose Marques.  
Stable M.G.'s—E. A. Roberts, C. Logan, R. Lapley and R. Goldman.  
Small Units—B. S. Wilson, A. A. da Rosa, J. C. Fenton and A. K. Rumjahn.  
Corps Artillery—F. J. Wilson, E. J. Kennard and W. G. Lawson.

Army Gala Postponed

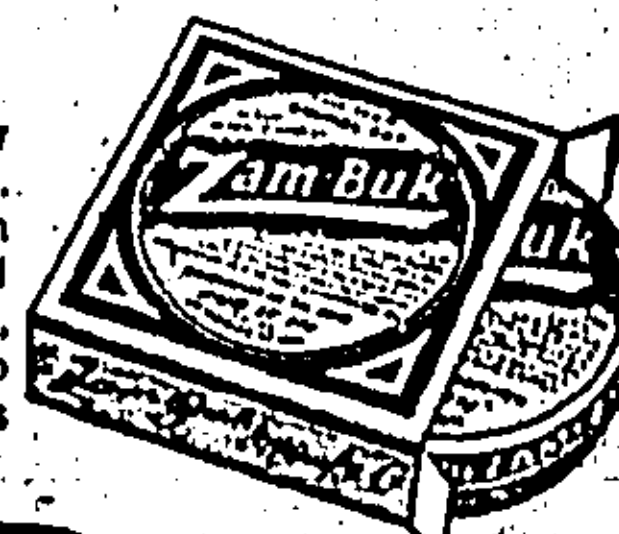
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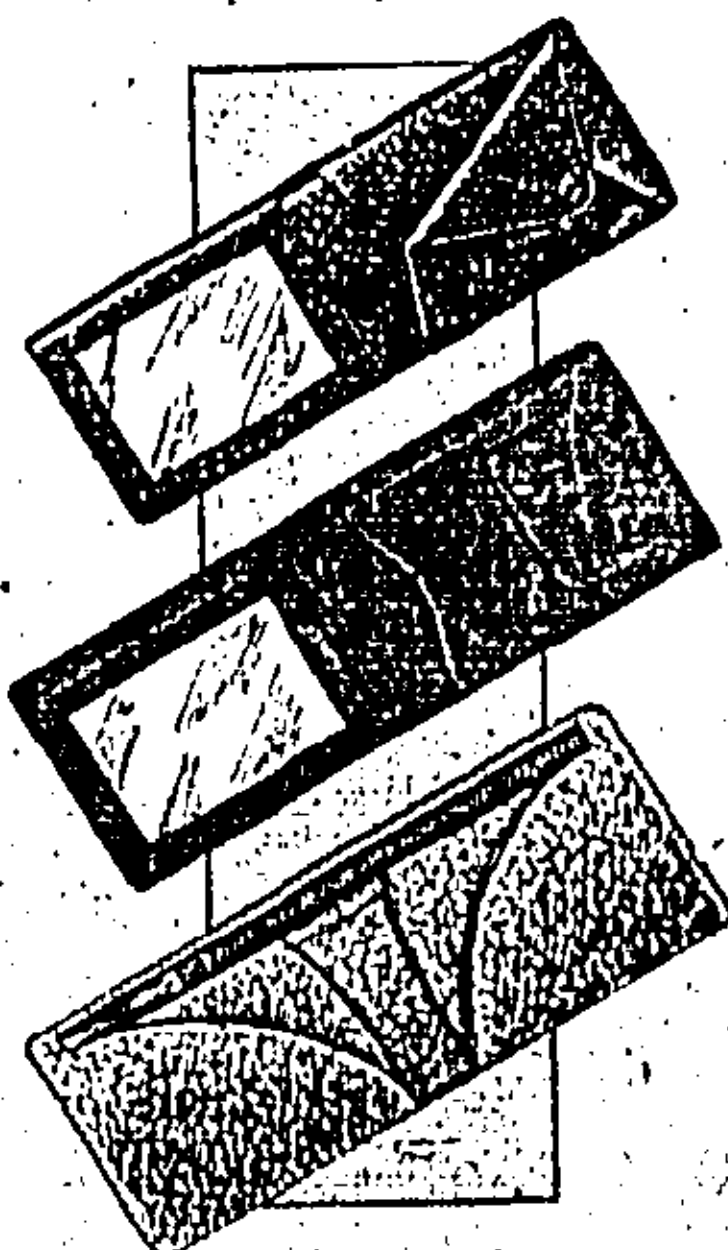
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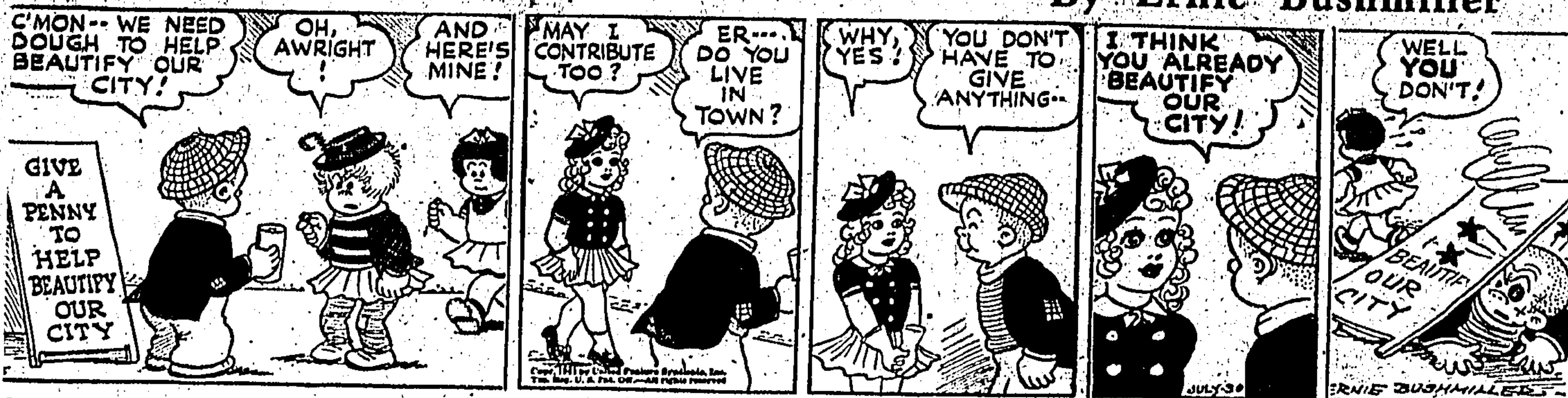
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One of the many fine studies entered in Section 2 of the "Hongkong Telegraph's" Eleventh Annual Amateur Photographic Competition. The contest is open until September 30.

## Bevin Talks To Tory M.P.s

Mr Ernest Bevin, Minister of Labour, addressed a private meeting of over 120 Conservative back-benchers at the House of Commons recently.

A number of prominent critics of his man-power policy were present.

A wide range of questions concerning the Minister's plans for the wartime use of labour was raised.

Conservative M.P.s afterwards said the meeting had been most profitable.

They were greatly impressed by Mr Bevin's outline of the general plan for the transfer of labour to war production.

A statement is expected to be made on behalf of the Government explaining the new production policy to be pursued following Lord Beaverbrook's appointment as Supply Minister.

## Oxford Cap, Gown For Roosevelt

Viscount Halifax, the British Ambassador, presented to President Roosevelt recently a cap and gown which the Chief Executive merited because the University of Oxford had awarded him an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Laws.

The degree was conferred on the President by proxy by Viscount Halifax, who is Chancellor of Oxford, at a convocation at Harvard University.

Maj. Gen. E. M. Watson, Secretary and Military Aide, substituted for Mr Roosevelt at the exercises, and he modelled the cap and gown for the Chief Executive.

"It looked nice," the Ambassador told reporters.

## Flying Lessons Made Simpler

### Stovepiper Wind Tunnel

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UP).—America's need for thousands of aeroplane pilots can be met partly by using stacks of stovepipes, according to Commander Eugene F. McDonald, Jr., glider enthusiast.

He has rigged up cheap versions of a wind tunnel and is giving them away. A glider is anchored in the windstream and, according to McDonald, an embryo pilot can learn the fundamentals by "flying" a few feet above the ground.

His "wind tunnel" is about 12 feet high. But instead of being hollow, it is packed with lengths of stovepipe through which the wind is driven.

The wind-makers are inexpensive old automobiles. The chassis is stripped and a large propeller is mounted on a pedestal in the rear. The blades are driven from the drive shaft.

## STALIN LINE IS DESCRIBED

Few facts have leaked out about Soviet Russia's Stalin Line, and there is no reliable basis on which to judge its strength. Here is the best available picture:

In general, it is a 100-mile man-made barrier running along the entire old Russian western frontier from the Black Sea to the Gulf of Finland, and it was built principally to guard against invasion from Germany.

It combined the features of France's Maginot Line, including great, fully-equipped concrete fortresses built underground, with the advantages of Germany's West Wall, which is built in greater depth.

Complete In 1933

The bulk of the Stalin system was completed in 1933, but the Red Army's leaders have added to it and strengthened it continually ever since, and are reported to have installed the most modern machinery available to keep the fortifications impregnable as new weapons of attack have been developed.

Work was speeded up particularly during the last few weeks preceding the German invasion.

Secrets and the Kremlin has not permitted even general descriptions.

One exception is an article published on April 11 in the Soviet newspaper "Red Star"—the first mention in the Soviet press of the Red fortifications in several years.

Correspondent's Visit

A special correspondent told of entering a great steel and concrete underground fortress through a door concealed in a hillside. Inside he found a warm, well lighted labyrinth of defence machinery, complete with power plant, dormitory and fire stations.

These underground fortresses are provisioned with reserve stores for long sieges.

An invader must do more than conquer these Maginot-type fortifications, however, for the Stalin line runs in depth for distances varying up to about 75 miles in some places. The depth is said to average 25 miles.

Much of the Stalin line zone has been depopulated, and in some cases evacuated—regions have been settled, according to reports, by trusted Red Army men and women posing as peasants.

## Australian Air Hero's Relics

SYDNEY, Australia (UP).—Canberra will become the resting place of another link with the epic flights of the late Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith. His old plane, the Southern Cross, is to be housed in the civil hangar there, instead of at the Kingsford-Smith Aerodrome, Sydney's chief airport.

The capital already has many relics of the flier's remarkable flights. In the basement of Parliament House are two cancelled cheques—one for \$5,000, in recognition of his 1928 trans-Pacific flight; the other for \$3,000, paid in 1933 "in recognition of his distinguished air service, especially his record solo flight to Australia in October, 1933."

Dramatic incidents in the epic flights are recalled by two log books. The book for the America-Australia flight in 1928 is opened at the page relating to the arrival at and take-off from Suva.

"Very doubtful whether we can make Suva or not," begins one entry. "But we should reach land O.K. Bucking against head wind. Very bumpy trip."

Another line reads: "Lyon and Warner (the Americans) say they will have 'Smithy' made President of the United States on their return in recognition of his skill in the clouds last night."

## Annulments Circumvent New York Divorce Bars

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UP).—Divorces are still difficult to obtain in New York State, but discordant couples in ever-increasing numbers are discovering a streamlined method of snipping matrimonial bonds in marriage annulment proceedings instituted here.

This revelation, coupled with a charge that Buffalo—figuratively only a rolling pin's throw from Niagara Falls of honeymoon fame—is gaining Reno-like notoriety, comes backed with figures showing that nearly as many annulments were granted here in the last six months as in the previous 12.

The increase in annulments was brought to public attention by the "Buffalo Evening News," when it learned that a Supreme Court referee, Thomas H. Noonan, had granted an annulment to a couple who previously had been denied dissolution of their marriage by Supreme Court Justice Raymond C. Vaughan.

To have obtained a divorce under New York laws, one of the couple would have had to prove adultery, or desertion for a period of five years. However, annulment of the marriage

was granted in its 14th year when the husband charged that his wife refused to have children.

A Grand jury investigation to determine whether any law was violated in this instance or in other annulments granted is pending.

### Fraud Is One Ground

In explanation of the increase in annulments, legal circles here assert that the rise was to be expected as a result of the widely-publicized Schindler case decision by the Court of Appeals. The court held that fraud is legitimate ground for nullifying the marriage contract.

For example, they point out, annulments have been granted here on such claims as a husband concealing from his wife prior to their marriage that he had been convicted of a traffic law violation and placed on probation to pay a fine; that the husband had misrepresented his income; and that a wife had misrepresented her desire for a family.

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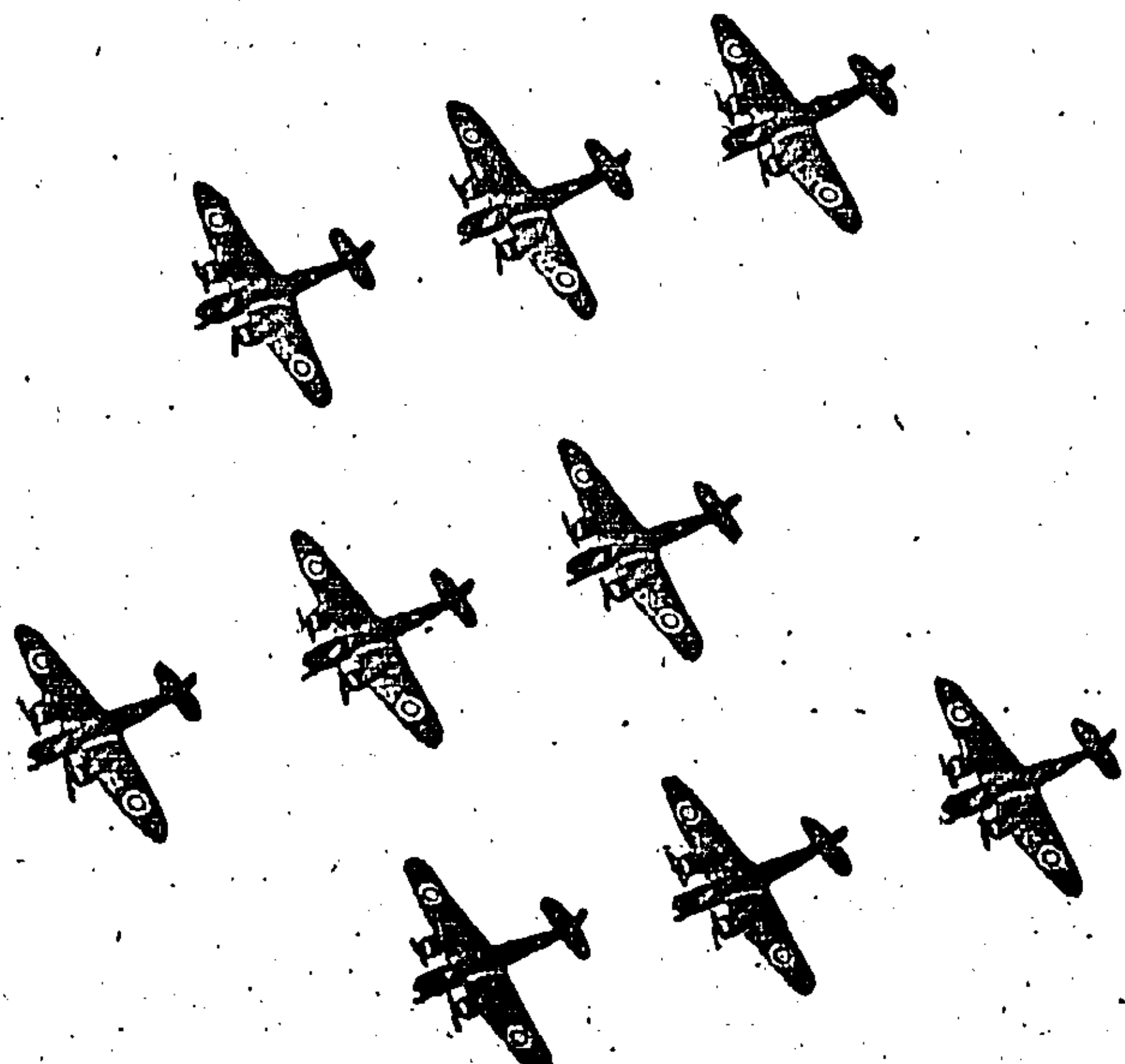
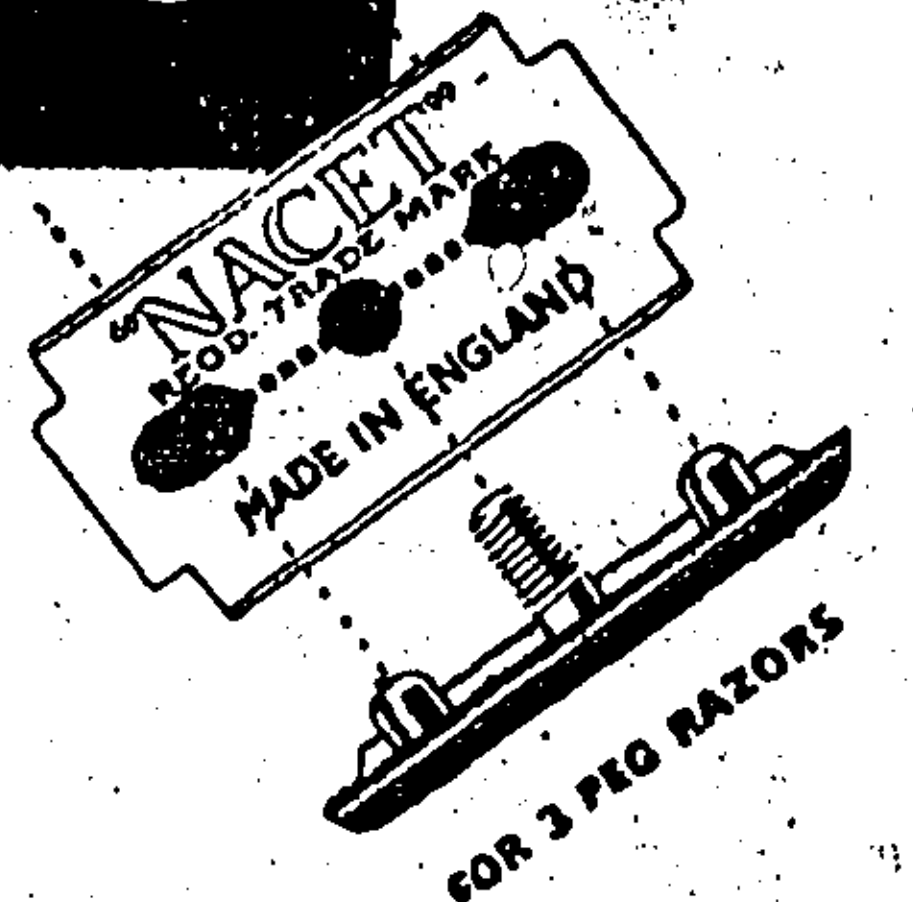
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## Singapore Ready To Defy Any Blockade

—FROM PAGE ONE—

East Indies, Sir Robert said that from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied that the N.E.I. would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns, but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been staff talks with the N.E.I. or any tacit arrangements with them, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated at a previous interview, namely that in the huge area from Burma to Australia, what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it. "You cannot separate any of these countries."

### Whitehall Instructions

Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act according to instructions from Whitehall, whose decisions would be accelerated as the result of the labours of Mr. A. Duff Cooper.

Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said that relations with that country were better. They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends and they looked to us for advice, as witness their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and see the working of our fighter squadrons.

"I should not have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," he added.

### Independent Attitude

In reply to another question, the Commander-in-Chief agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too dependent economically and financially upon Japan.

Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a cruiser was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim was untrue.

## Wants To Purchase Elephant Tails

Mr. T. Tarrant, of St. John's Wood, is anxious to buy elephant tails. He expresses this desire in an advertisement in "The Daily Telegraph."

He explains that elephant tails are the "raw materials" of his business. From them he fashions articles that make an appeal to the superstitious. Watch straps and rings are examples.

"Before elephant hair became as hard to find as onions I used to get my supplies from East African big game wardens. But the war has interrupted supplies. Captive elephants lose the hair from their tails," he told a reporter.

## Wooden Coins Used In Pennsylvania

Employees of the Scranton, Pa., office of the State Employment Service are accepting \$500 of wooden nickels as part payment on overdue salaries.

Wooden coins have been issued here in connection with the City's forthcoming centennial, and are good at all stores.

A dispute between State officials over Civil Service has held up the workers' pay for a month, so their immediate superior, District Manager John W. Genter, handed out the nickels, explaining he personally would be responsible for them.

## LATE NEWS

## Russian Success Claimed

MOSCOW, Sept. 18 (UP)—The Leningrad correspondent of the "Red Star" today reported that Soviet Infantry, supported by land artillery plus big guns from the Baltic fleet, and detachment of marines, have succeeded in re-capturing an important village at the junction of two highways leading to Leningrad.

The German forces which are attempting to take Leningrad are now concentrating on the village and are at present rushing up fresh troops and heavier concentrations of artillery in an attempt to re-capture the village, but the Soviet lines are holding firm.

## Menace To Crimea

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP)—The German drive into the Ukraine is reported to be menacing Crimea. The official spokesman N. Lozovsky, when asked about the rumoured drive against Perekop where a four mile wide neck of land joins Crimea with the mainland said: "Of course the Germans are trying to force a decision in at least one place, but they never will succeed against the powerful combination of the Soviets and Britain aided by the United States."

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## Russian Victory Described

—FROM PAGE ONE—

In the east, offensive actions are developing into one operation on a very big scale.

This bears out the Russian communiqué, which again speaks of stubborn fighting along the whole front.

The testimony of both the Russians and Germans is therefore in agreement, mainly that the fierce German onslaught is matched by stubborn Russian resistance.

Thus after 80 days of fighting, both sides are still straining for victory and neither can claim any major or decisive battles.

### Claims Too Precious

But this bald analysis of the position does less than justice to the Soviet defence. In order to appreciate the measure of their success, it is only necessary to quote the bulletins of the German High Command after the first fortnight and three weeks of the war.

The road was stated to be open to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev while the Russian forces were described as a disorganised rabble without leadership and co-ordination.

These reports of the High Command are not propaganda fairy tales issued by Goebbels' loud speakers. They are the most damning evidence of the unreliability of German bulletins.

It is clear that desperate fighting is still proceeding. The German effort undoubtedly has been stupendous but it has been matched by Soviet resistance and losses on both sides have been astronomical.

### German Murmurs

But the Russian is fighting for his hearth and home. The German soldier, if he does think at all, must be asking himself why all this sacrifice, certainly the people in Germany are beginning to murmur and to show their anxiety.

The most significant feature of yesterday's news was the claim made in unofficial Soviet quarters to have scored another big success in the Smolensk area at Yartsevo, near Yelnya, where they won a big battle last week.

From the strategic viewpoint, fighting in this central zone is by far the most important.

### The Story In Full

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (Reuter)—The vital importance of Marshal Timoshenko's victory at Yartsevo, 35 miles north-east of Smolensk, was emphasised by General Rokossovski in an article in "Izvestia" today.

In this article the General makes it clear that the recapture of Yartsevo and Yelnya, roughly 35 miles south-east of Smolensk, has destroyed the fear of a further German drive on Moscow from this sector.

Moscow radio announced that following this victory Soviet troops are now in a position, to invest Smolensk.

In explaining this battle, which was one of the most important on the eastern front, General Rokossovski says that a German tank division succeeded in invading Yartsevo by sudden thrusts some six weeks ago, with the object of developing the offensive through this town and reaching Moscow by the shortest route, which is a straight motor road.

"The sudden resistance of our numerically small troops in this area managed to stem the enemy's advance," the General—Command, having lost a large number of tanks and men near Yartsevo, was forced to take to the defensive in order to bring up reinforcements before re-summing the offensive.

### Second Attack Foiled

"By several strong counter-blows, our troops not only foiled the second German offensive, but totally routed the German tank Division, throwing the enemy back from Yartsevo and occupying the entire bank of the river Vop."

"The Axis realised that they would not reach Moscow by way of Yartsevo and decided to skirt the town and probe for weak spots in our defences against their thrust on Moscow. They brought up three Infantry Divisions with a large number of tanks and artillery for shelling Smolensk and ensuring the concentrations of their main forces in the Yelnya area."

### Nazis Surprised

"Our first offensive came as a surprise to the Germans, and on the night of August 31 our troops forced the river Vop and deployed for attack."

"Preceded by an artillery barrage, our troops broke the enemy's resistance and advance lines. They penetrated deep into his defences."

"The Germans met our advance with mine-throwers and machine-gun fire but it was too late. The Soviet Infantry were stubbornly pressing forward."

"Abandoning his arms, the enemy was forced to retreat and bring up reinforcements," the General said. "And by the end of the third day, the Germans outnumbered us considerably."

### Steadily Forced Back

"Fearing that the Soviet troops might break through to German headquarters, they also hurried into this sector part of their reserves intended for Yelnya. But the Soviet Infantry forced the Germans to retreat steadily westward."

"As a result of eight days' fighting at Yartsevo, the Nazi troops lost not less than 10,000 killed and wounded. Our troops captured 12 guns, 30 mine-throwers, some 20 machine-guns and 100,000 cartridges, several thousand shells, and a considerable amount of other arms and equipment."

"We destroyed 100—guns, 100 mine-throwers and about 150 machine-guns," added the Russian General.

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## Mid-West Farms To Aid Britain

**NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).**—The "New York Daily News" is now running a series of articles by its own correspondent Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous up-swing of food production in the Mid-Western States.  
The first article, appearing on September 9, was headlined "Isolation in States Help Win British Food War."  
This investigation tour of the big five defence food states proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about war-time pantries. The English also may know that pork, canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fail them.  
The American farmer has done a remarkable job of speed-up.

## Eden Will Consider Women Diplomats

**LONDON, Sept. 17 (British Wireless).**—The Foreign Secretary to-day received a deputation which urged him to reconsider his decision to exclude women from entering the diplomatic service.  
While making no promises, Mr. Eden undertook to consider the views put forward by the deputation and to communicate with them again.

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**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd, day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Estimated Price
1	100/100	Kau Pui Shek, New Territories	as per sale plan.	about 2,500	0.57	\$1,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$165.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Estimated Price
2	100/100	Between Eastern Inland Lots Nos. 4773 & 4774, Ha Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	as per sale plan.	about 2,500	0.57	\$1,500

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$384.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.



"Professor Mamlock," the famous anti-Nazi play by Friedrich Wolf, will be presented in Mandarin at the Lee Theatre to-day and to-morrow, at 2.30 p.m. and 8 p.m., by the Chinese Drama Group. Proceeds are in aid of Chinese medical relief. Picture shows Su Chiang in the role of Dr. Haulbacher, a physician turned Nazi.

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## German Spies In America

**NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).**—A German-born United States Government informer, William Sebald, giving evidence to-day before the Federal Court in the trial of members of the alleged Nazi spy ring, said that five months before the occupation of Iceland was announced, a German agent told him that 30,000 American soldiers and 4,000 officers would be sent to Greenland and Iceland.

## MAFOO'S DEATH LEAP

A Hongkong Jockey Club Stables mafeo leapt to his death from the window of the mafeo's quarters this morning. He suffered multiple injuries and died before an ambulance could be summoned.  
The man was Chu Ling, 30, and his death leap was made from the second floor of the servants' quarters at the Jockey Club Stables in Shan Kwoong Road, Happy Valley.  
Chu was in charge of Clowner, a 1937 Subscription Griffin, which, up to the end of 1940 had won \$2,600 in stakes. Clowner is owned by Mr. J. L. Fielden.

## Legionaries Want Radical Action

**MILWAUKEE, Sept. 17 (Reuter).**—The American Legion, which is composed of veterans of the last World War and is one of the most influential organisations in the United States, passed a resolution to-day proposing the removal of geographical limitations on the use of American troops.  
The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act.  
The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.

## H.M. Submarine Lost

**LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).**—The Board of the Admiralty regret to announce that H. M. Submarine P-32 (Lieutenant D.A.B. Abby) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed, says the Admiralty to-night.

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2.15 Close Down.  
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7.17 Sydney Torch at the Organ.  
7.30 "Hills" From The Shows.  
8.0 London Relay—The News.  
8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post," Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.  
8.30 Programme Summary.  
8.32 Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Richard Tauber (Tenor).  
9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.  
9.02 Studio—"To-night We Present."

A Review of New Records.  
9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave Only).  
9.45 Galtman—"The Countess Maritz"—Pastorale.  
Edith Lorand and Her Viennese Orchestra.  
10.0 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.  
10.15 Sea Shanties.  
Alexander The Windmill—Medley of Sea Shanties; One More Day; On The Banks Of Sacramento (arr. Harris); A Dollar And A Half A Day; The Hog's Eye Man (arr. Terry).  
10.30 Half An Hour with Eric Colles.  
11.0 London—"War Correspondents."  
11.15 Close Down.

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The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kulangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

### INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th September ... Sept. 26.  
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 30th September ... Oct. 7.

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Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways."

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Friday, Sept. 26

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G.P.O.

Reg. .... Sept. 26, 5 p.m.

Ord. .... Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7

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Reg. .... Oct. 7, 5.00 p.m.

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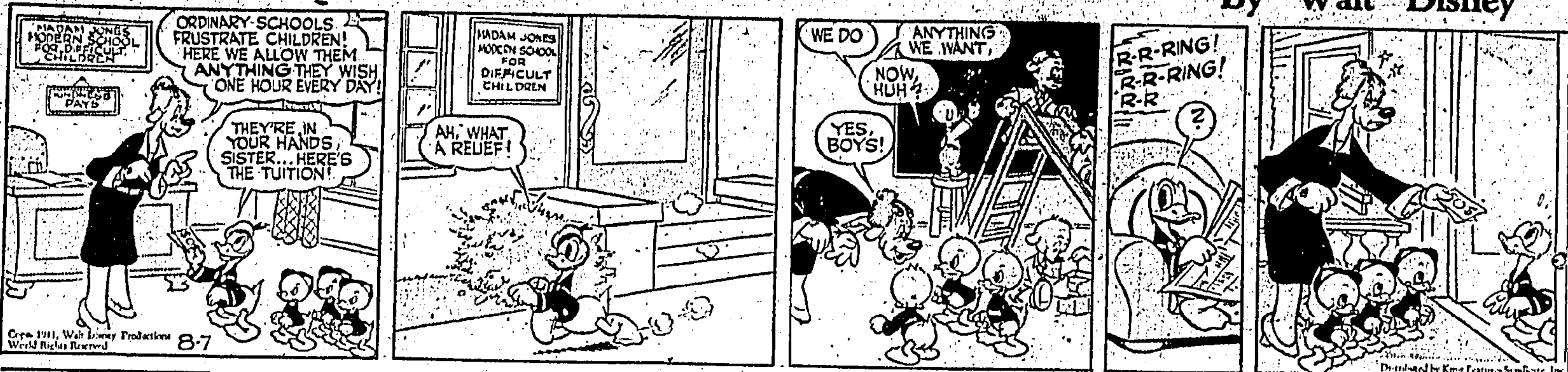
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"South dealer.  
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♠ A Q 7 6  
♥ A Q  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ J 10 8 7 2

♠ 5  
♥ K J 10 5  
♦ C 7 6 5 3  
♣ 4

♠ K 10 8 4  
♥ 8  
♦ 10  
♣ A X Q 5 4 3

"I was South and the contract was five clubs. I was annoyed that it was not six clubs when I saw the dummy.

"The king of diamonds was opened by West and East gave him the deuce. A heart was led; I thoughtlessly finessed and lost to the king. A diamond was returned. I trumped, diamond trump, led a small spade to the board and, after putting on the ace, had to lose a spade trick. I do not think that I played the spades improperly, as even had I started from the board I would have played one of the honours, to keep top honours in both hands.

"But it is on the second trick, I had played the ace of hearts, drawn trump, trumped the last diamond, and then given up the heart, no distribution of spades could have beaten me. S. H., New York."

As my correspondent points out, here was an opportunity for a little known but valuable safety play. If the contract had been six clubs, of course the heart finesse had to be tried, but at five, any safety factor

that could be thrown about the hand was highly desirable.

My correspondent's analysis of what this safety play should have been, however, was not entirely accurate. Played precisely as he suggested, he still would have a guess in the spade suit. That in to say, after stripping the North-South hands of diamonds and throwing a defender on lead with the heart queen, a spade return still would leave a "guess." For example, suppose East were to take the heart queen and lead a low spade. Declarer would, of course, follow low, and let us assume the nine-spot would force the queen. Now declarer would have to guess whether to lay down the ace, playing East for a possible remainder of Jxx, or lead a low spade from the dummy so that if East showed out a finesse could be taken against the jack in West's hand.

The true safety play was to take the heart ace, draw the adverse trumps, ruff dummy's remaining diamond, and then cash the spade ace before the heart queen. Now if a spade were returned it would prove one of two things, both satisfactory from declarer's point of view: either that the spade suit would break or that the leader of the second spade was the one who originally had four.

**Tomorrow's Hand**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J 9 6 5 3  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ 10 6 5  
♣ 8 4 2

♠ 8 4 2  
♥ 7 6 5 4  
♦ 3  
♣ K 8

♠ K Q 7  
♥ J 10 9 3  
♦ K Q 2  
♣ 7 3 2

♠ 10  
♥ A K 6 5 2  
♦ Q 10 9  
♣ A Q J 4

How should East defend against South's four heart contract? Opening lead, heart seven.

## Dutch Save Rembrandt Masterpiece From "Art-Loving" Nazis

LONG before the Nazi invasion of the Netherlands measures had been taken to protect the contents of the many richly-stocked museums against "unfortunate errors" of belligerent airmen.

Carloads of valuable objects and many of the smaller paintings were transferred to rural districts. For the "outsized" canvasses, fire and water-proof receptacles were constructed below the rooms in which they were hung. At the slightest sign of impending danger could be set into motion—and the old masters would slide into comparative safety.

But when the German menace to Holland became even greater, this kind of protection was not considered sufficient for the most valuable paintings of all, foremost among them the "March-out of the Company of Amsterdam Musketeers" (commonly called "The Night Watch") by Rembrandt. It was taken from its shelter—to an ancient castle on the outskirts of dreamy little Medemblik, north of Amsterdam. Here it hung against the thick, medieval wall of the deserted banquet room, when on the morning of May 10, 1940, the Nazis invaded Holland.

For many months afterward little was known of the fate of Holland's art treasures.

There were rumours of Germans greedily "acquiring" valuable antiques, paintings and jewellery, but no one knew for certain what had happened. Recently a story got past the German censor, a thrilling enough tale that offers irrefutable evidence of the risk Hollanders are prepared to run when the safety of their heritage of centuries is at stake. That story concerns "The Night Watch."

On May 13, 1940, Medemblik, far from proving the unassailable shelter behind the dykes it was believed to be, lay in the path of the ever-extending line of battle. Hurriedly the director of the Amsterdam Rijksmuseum got together twelve trusted and experienced men and set out with them to save the painting.

Toward nightfall they reached Medemblik Castle and the "Night Watch," measuring about 12 by 14½ feet, was loaded on an open truck normally used for the transportation of glass plates. Two closed passenger cars followed this van—but that night the procession did not advance very far. It stayed in a nearby village, under the protection of local peasants. One farmer distinguished himself by yielding a threadbare tarpaulin with which the picture was covered.

Exhausted, but happy, the members of the rescue party got back to Amsterdam. But when they awoke from a well-earned rest, Holland's army had capitulated. The Nazis were marching into every town and village.

And, thus, till the day on which Holland shakes off the yoke of German domination, Rembrandt's "Night Watch" will remain hidden in its dark shelter—no longer a joy for millions of people from all over the earth, but happily beyond the reach of "art-collecting" Nazis.

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## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Killed  
5—Bespoke  
10—Highest male voice  
15—Puzzle dimension  
18—Part of speech  
20—Turkish nobles  
21—None is exact  
22—Peanut  
23—Hebrew letter  
24—Greek word  
25—Thread used as counter-irritant  
26—Pain  
27—Drugged (col.)  
28—Gull  
29—Outfit one who  
30—Wreath  
31—Food poisoning  
32—Evergreen tree  
33—Gullied workman  
34—Vidua  
35—Argumentative  
36—Plum  
37—Winged  
38—Worthless thing  
39—Religious groups  
40—Pecan  
41—Word at end of  
42—Stringed instrument  
43—Bural  
44—Diom  
45—Medicinal plant  
46—Mad (roux)  
47—Weird

DOWN

1—Pace  
2—Capital of Peru  
3—Olive forth  
4—Lived (poetic)  
5—Exclamation  
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## Soviet Use Tanks With 5-inch Guns

The Russians have been using 60-ton tanks against the Germans. Some of them have 5-inch guns. They have three gun turrets and carry a howitzer, two light guns, and several machine-guns.

A Swiss newspaper correspondent has described the tanks as he saw them during a visit to Lwow, captured by the Germans after eight days' fighting.

"The guns, caterpillars and tanks appear to be completely new," he says.

"Immaculately painted, well looked after, cleanly finished, and well designed, these steel machines stand there produced by a State which 20 years ago hardly possessed its own machine-armor factories."

The correspondent says Soviet tanks include 15-tonners equipped with 47 mm. guns, medium tanks equipped with 75 mm. guns and bigger tanks with 15-centimeter (6-inch) guns.

**Creates Impression**

"Even the few remains left by the Russians created a deep impression," he added.

The Germans say the big tanks are fast, but are vulnerable in close fighting because, besides the big gun, they are equipped with only one machine-gun, low down and pointing forward, which can be put out of action with a hand grenade.

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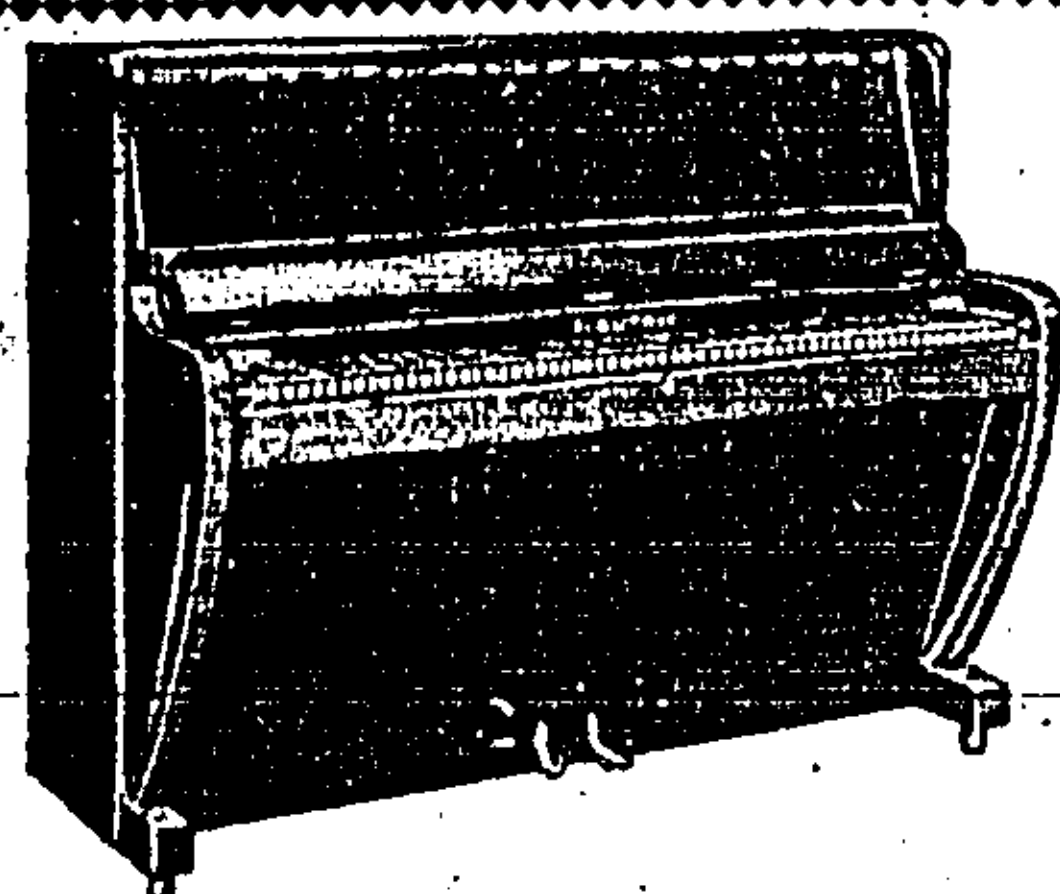
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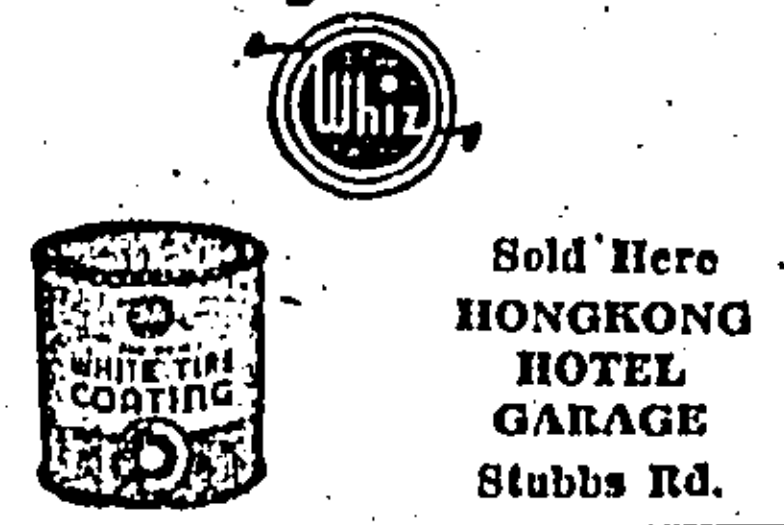
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### FUTURE PROBLEMS

THE terms of world peace when they are arrived at, will fill many books. The Sino-Japanese hostilities cover a multitude of issues apart from conquest and defeat on the field. However, it is worth while to look at some of the aspects that the arbitrators will have to consider when the Axis has been broken and its Far East segment fitted back into its proper place in the scheme of a democratic New Order.

China will expect the evacuation of all Japanese forces from the occupied areas; She will not yield Manchukuo willingly but might subscribe to autonomy there if this was established under unbiased supervision. Any "special position" held by Japan in the five northern provinces could not be of a permanent character. With sincerity on both sides and the kindly erasures of time these areas would revert fully to China. The Japanese Navy would remain a threat to Asia and Europe until a liberal government took the reins in Tokyo; and America completed her two-ocean navy. However, since Britain and America will not disarm, a balance of forces could be maintained under an armaments section of the League of Nations which must be resurrected in a nobler and more perfect form. This section would also have to supervise the numerous armed bases facing Europe from all sides.

The small states of South America have gotten along well apart from such comparatively minor frictions as the Chaco war, the present Peru-Ecuador border dispute etc., small matters that can be settled with little bloodshed and little effect on the world at large. Therefore, there is no reason why Czechoslovakia cannot be resurrected, Croatia be given autonomy, a Ukraine created and friendly states all under the auspices of a League of Nations that would not be a rabbit warren of intrigue with the Powers shirking their duties.

Apart from the ravaging thirty years war in the 17th Century history shows that Germany was happy and not more backward than its neighbours when that name covered a host of little principalities and marquisates; it was when these were forged by fire and blood



Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, addresses Czech troops, somewhere in England.

**WHEN** Dr Benes, President of Czechoslovakia, mentioned in a speech in London early this year that he had three times refused a German offer of a bilateral pact in the years before the war, Goebbels seized on the news and attempted to make mischief in the Protectorate. The Czech Press was ordered to distort the President's words to suggest that he had abused his position to prevent "agreement" between Czechoslovakia and Germany and used the Munich agreement to cloak warlike preparations.

This drew an answer, and an effective answer. Five broadcast messages from Britain to the Czech people by Dr Prokop Drtina, the President's political secretary, revealed for the first time some of the secret history of Hitler's private negotiations with neighbour States—and secret preparations for conquest on the grand scale as early as 1938. It is not material which, so far, has been disclosed to the English-speaking world, but the following is an outline of the very surprising statements which Dr Benes felt compelled to make to silence the malvolence of Goebbels and to let in new light on the methods of Hitler in laying his plans for war.

### Dr Benes' Close Collaborator

DR Benes, dividing his time as he did between Prague and Geneva, had for many years had an excellent view behind the scenes of Central European politics; he lived close to the simmering volcano which was at last to erupt over the Continent.

Dr Drtina, who had been a member of Prof. T. G. Masaryk's Presidential bureau, became Dr Benes's secretary on his election as President of Czechoslovakia at the beginning of 1936. After Dr Benes resigned and left the country Dr Drtina remained for almost a year till, in December, 1939, his position as an important link with the exiled Government became too dangerous. He fled, with the Gestapo hot on his track, and is now once more Dr Benes's closest collaborator.

Thus it comes about that he was instructed to make these

into one nation that the terrible Teutonic efficiency demanded sacrifices, first of the people, then of the neighbours and finally of the world. There may be efficiency in a unified direction of such a conglomerate of states as Germany was a little more than a hundred years ago but the chief aim of the world is, not efficiency, but peace, prosperity and contentment.

# WHEN HITLER'S SECRET ENVOYS VISITED BENES

Disclosures of Nazi proposals to Czechoslovakia which betrayed Germany's preparation for war

By O. H. BRANDON

disclosures. The substance of the broadcasts has been published in book form in the Czech language, but is not yet available in English.

### Two Envoys On A Trip To Prague

HITLER would never have been content merely to rule Germany. The idea of world domination was always in his mind. As early as the autumn of 1933 feelers were put out from Berlin to discover whether Czechoslovakia could not be persuaded to sign in secret a bilateral pact leaving Britain and her ally France and those other allies, Russia and the Little Entente, out of the picture. Dr Benes, then Foreign Minister, replied that any negotiations must include all European countries and that agreements must embrace Britain, France and their allies on the one side and Germany on the other.

Dr Benes foresaw that Hitler's object was to split allies and possible allies so that he might deal with each separately, and realised that safety lay only in collective security. Hitler started his campaign against the League of Nations, but although Dr Benes warned both France and Britain of his purpose, it seemed that they still thought agreement with Hitler was possible.

On Oct. 11, 1936, two confidential envoys, sent personally by Hitler, arrived in Prague to open negotiations with Dr Benes. During the course of them they returned to Berlin and came once again to Prague, on Dec. 19, after having reported to Hitler.

Dr Benes heard them with attention, although he saw through their game. They offered agreement with Germany on condition that the President revoked his pact with France and Russia. When Dr Benes asked whether that meant that he must break off his alliance with those Powers they replied that this "would not really be necessary," but that, in the event of a conflict between, say, France and Germany, Czechoslovakia would simply not fulfil her pledges.

This was the Fuehrer's first appeal to perfidy.

### Triumph Denied To Hitler

DR Benes asked whether their offer would mean that Czechoslovakia must resign from the League of Nations, because what was suggested was in direct contradiction to the Covenant. Hitler's spokesmen thought that this would not be necessary either. In the event of Geneva making a decision unfavourable to Germany, Czechoslovakia would, of course, refrain from carrying out the decision of the League.

What a triumph for Hitler if Dr Benes had said: Yes! Not the terrorisation of the Czechs)

only would Germany have taken immediate charge of Czechoslovakia's internal politics, but it would have been a signal defeat for the Western Allies and a determination to destroy sign that that front was not proof against Hitler's poison.

### Counter-Proposal Unanswered

WHAT had happened to the secret envoys and their mission of October, 1936? When they left Prague they took to Hitler Dr Benes's counter-proposals which suggested that Germany should confirm the "Locarno Agreement" with Czechoslovakia of 11 years before. Dr Benes received that confirmation, upon which he further proposed an agreement, based on the Locarno Pact, which would recognise all Czechoslovakia's obligations towards other States. The text of this agreement was sent to Berlin. In January, 1937, the envoys informed Dr Benes that Hitler had received their report favourably. The months of 1937 slipped by, but no answer ever came to the proposals.

The history of the envoys does not link up again with the history of events until a year later. About the middle of August, 1938, the signal was given for firing the powder magazine inside Czechoslovakia. Frank, Henlein and other leaders had escaped across the frontier to Germany. The envoys' mission had failed; Hitler had laid aside all thought of a "peaceable" alternative.

Hitler, having come to the conclusion that he had failed to entangle Dr Benes, tried next by the weight of his own personality to impress and persuade him.

The potential Fifth Column represented by the Sudeten German (Henlein) party had attempted to bring Dr Benes under their influence even before his election as President of Czechoslovakia. In December, 1935, while he was still Foreign Minister, one of the Sudeten German members of Parliament came to offer him the Henlein party's support at the coming elections on "certain conditions." A meeting with Henlein and even with Hitler was proposed.

Thus—Henlein—admitted, as early as 1935, his party's active collaboration with Hitler, and it becomes now obvious why Dr Benes did not trust his promises and did not accede to the party's demands. He refused to the proffered bargain.

Hitler was infuriated. His next move was to use the Henleinists to stir up internal conflict. Dr Benes found the Sudeten German clamour growing and the party's influence challenged the tranquillity of the State.

In 1938 he made proposals for an accommodation and at one moment it seemed as if in the colours and understood plans. Though the Czechoslovak Army never had a chance to fight, it is worth recalling that Czechoslovakia under Dr Benes was the only democracy which hesitated; but Dr Frank (now von Neurath's aide-de-camp in the Nazi terrorisation of the Czechs) dent's foresight.

### Stirring Up The Henleinists

DR Benes agreed, with the stipulation that both his Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary should be informed. The two envoys therefore had to see the Czechoslovak Foreign Minister themselves and inform him of their mission. Dr Benes—according to Dr Drtina's statement—also told the representatives of the Czechoslovak Constitution.

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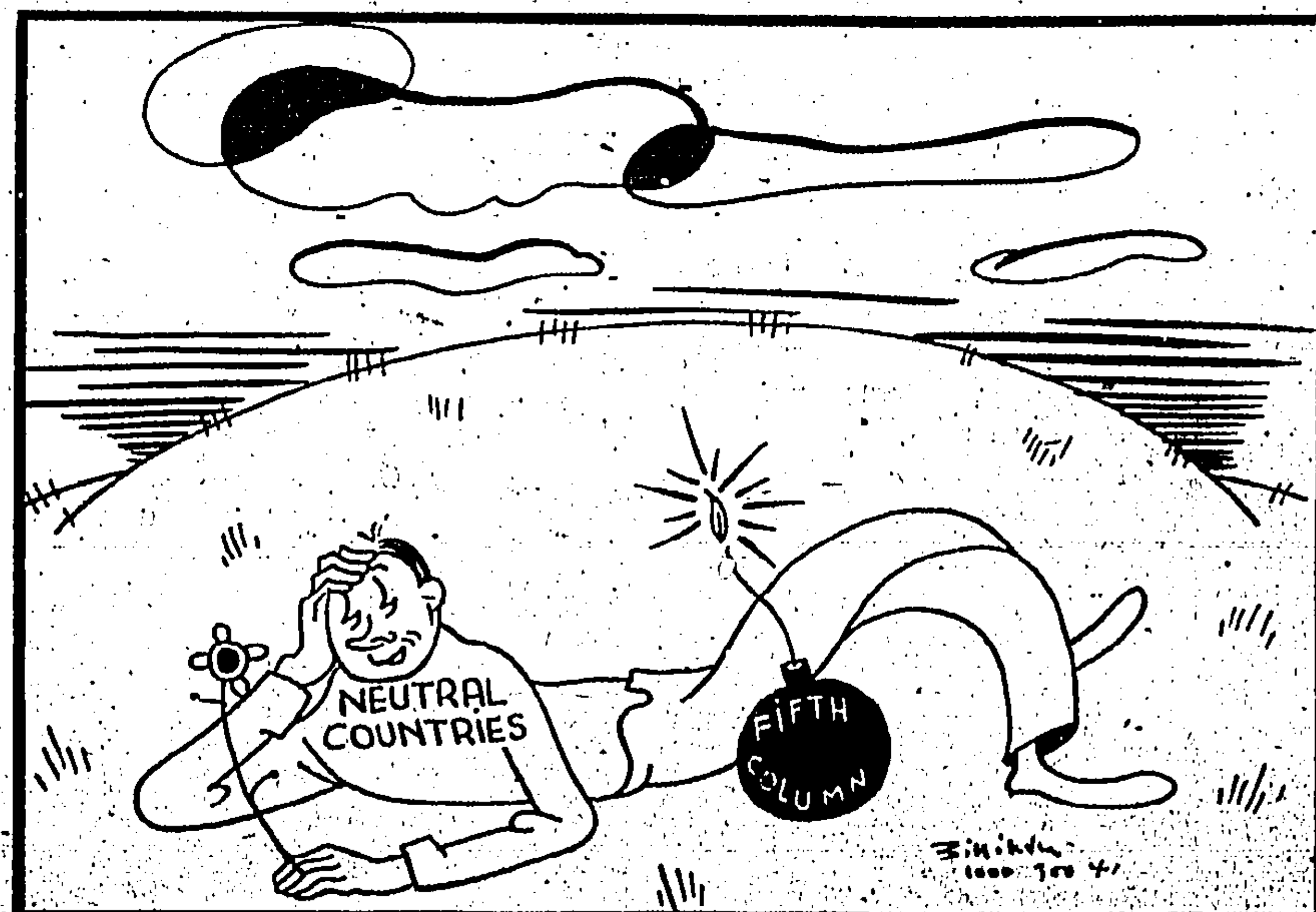
### Rebuff From An Honest Man

THESE are the events as Dr Drtina has described them. The Czechs now know something of Hitler's methods of approaching individual statesmen in his attempt to win them over to schemes of treachery. It is probable that this was the pattern for some of the negotiations in other countries. There have certainly been other secret agents visiting foreign statesmen. Sometimes they have failed; but, as history shows, they have had some successes.

The Nazi undermining of Europe's capitals and frontiers was prepared with careful foresight many years ahead. The failure to make Dr Benes an agent in the business must have been for Hitler the first sign that there are statesmen who will honour their pledges.

Dr Benes lost the game to Hitler. He lost, and left Czechoslovakia, but he did not give up the fight for his country's liberation.

He had seen Hitler in his true colours and understood the plans. Though the Czechoslovak Army never had a chance to fight, it is worth recalling that Czechoslovakia under Dr Benes was the only democracy which hesitated; but Dr Frank (now von Neurath's aide-de-camp in the Nazi terrorisation of the Czechs) dent's foresight.



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By Billiken



# Abdication Of Despot Of Iran Breaks Grim Bonds

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, Sept. 17 (Delayed).—Striving desperately till the last to retain his position, Shah Riza Pahlevi was forced from the throne by the surging demand of his own people who had been brought to the point of revolt by the tyranny of the last 16 years.

Only a still lingering fear of the ruthless despot, whose secret police were as efficiently organised as the Gestapo prevented them from rising against him during the last two weeks.

By Monday only one quarter remained from which he could expect help—senior officers of the Army whose positions endow them with rich pickings. The remainder of the army, consisting of conscripted peasants and under-paid young officers, is as hostile to him as the rest of the population.

## Gamble On Army

It is believed that the Shah gambled to the last minute on the hope that the Army would help him quell a popular uprising and that the British and Russians would not intervene.

It is reported that the Cabinet saw him on Monday night, urging abdication but was met with a blunt refusal. He then sought the advice of Sir William Bullard, the British Minister, through a secret emissary. The emissary told him that he could obtain any help from Britain, but was convinced him that the "game was up."

Early on Tuesday morning he summoned the Premier to the Winter Palace near Tehran to which he had moved from his Summer Palace in the mountains to the north and handed him the deed of abdication.

Although every effort was made to keep the abdication secret for fear of disorders, the news quickly spread throughout the capital and big crowds gathered before loud-speakers at mid-day to hear the official announcement.

## Prisoners Freed

One of the first results of Riza Khan's removal from power is the release of some of the great numbers of political prisoners who crowd the jails. The Shah dismissed from post the Minister of War immediately after "Cease Fire" had been ordered. Before throwing him into prison, Riza Khan beat him with the flat of his sword and kicked him.

He also struck all the most senior Army officers, who had not already fled from Tehran.

After interviewing the Premier, the Shah set out in a car for Isfahan, about 220 miles to the south. Isfahan is the ancient centre of Persian art and culture, where young men and boys whose sight is not yet ruined by the closeness of their work still paint some of the world's finest miniatures on camel bone and mother-of-pearl.

## Passed Allied Troops

On the road he must have passed British and Indian troops advancing on Tehran. It is not yet known whether he had taken with him any of the vast fortune he has amassed from his trade in monopolies and taxation—a fortune he kept in the vaults of his palace. A part has already been sent to America and perhaps England.

Special precautions are being taken by the Persian Government as well as British and Russian troops in case the tyrannical people should seek revenge on the former Shah's agents.

## Russians Near City

Russian troops had on Tuesday reached the 30th kilometre stone from Tehran, from where they can reach the city in 25 minutes. If Tehran remains quiet, they are expected to remain there till Wednesday when they will enter at the same time as the British.

The present here is complete calm in the city. People in the streets seem dazed by the news although they have lived in hourly expectation of it for the last two weeks.

country during these last years, it is necessary that a younger man who can do more for the country shall take my place. I therefore recommend that the Crown Prince, should succeed me. From to-day, the 25th of Shahrivar (Iran uses a solar calendar dating from Mohamed's flight from Mecca), the Iranian nation and Army must obey the new Shah, recognising him as the real king and must give him the same loyalty as they gave me."

**Normal Life of Country**  
Later the Government announced: "The Shah left Tehran this morning. The Government is in touch with the British and Russian Governments in order to preserve as far as possible the normal life of the country and maintain the same friendly relations with the two governments. There will soon be no more difficulties."

The swearing in the Crown Prince as the new Shah will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday in Parliament. The Crown Prince will swear an oath on the Koran, according to the formula laid down by the Constitution. The coronation which will be a secular ceremony will take place later, possibly after the war.

The new Queen, Farzideh, the 20-year-old sister of King Farouk of Egypt, will not attend the oath ceremony. During the crisis, she stayed at Isfahan with her small daughter.

**Departing Diplomats**  
The staff of the Rumanian Legation leaves Tehran on Tuesday by car for Teheran, from where they will pass through Turkey on their way to Rumania. The German, Hungarian and Bulgarian Legations leave by the same route on Wednesday. The families of the Germans had originally elected to go with the men so the British made special arrangements for them to be billeted with their husbands in concentration camps in India, but apparently they have now been ordered by the German Government to return to Germany.

The great number of cars required for the journey is provided by the Iranian Government, which are requisitioning them. The German Minister has given his word that the convoy will not linger on the way.

The Italians, who insisted on travelling in a separate convoy from the Germans, are expected to leave Tehran on Thursday.

The strength of the other legations is smaller. It is not yet known whether Hungarian, Rumanian and Bulgarian subjects will also be repatriated.

**Constitutional Monarch**  
The Prime Minister said he had been authorised by the new Shah to say that he would rule as a complete constitutional monarch. "He will observe the law of the constitution and the rights of the people of Iran," Ali-Farangi said.

"He will obey all acts already passed or in future to be passed by Parliament and will do his best to amend the wrongs done to the people singly or collectively."

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**Crown Prince Takes Oath**  
TEHERAN, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Crown Prince took the oath of loyalty to the constitution in the presence of Parliament at 4.55 p.m. to-day.

**Legation Forced Out**  
SOFIA, Sept. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that the Bulgarian legation at Tehran has been forced to leave the city under pressure of the British and Russian authorities.

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,480 n.
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Chartered Banks	85 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile, C. & E.	11 1/4 n.
East Asia	11 1/4 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton Ins.	240 n.
Union Ins.	440 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	107 1/2 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglas	120 n.
Steamships	11 n.
Indo-China P.	90 n.
Indo-China D.	70 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	50/10 1/2 n.
Waterboats	0.55 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	0.07 n.
Docks	20 n.
Provident	7.70 n.
Shui Doekay	37 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kailan s/-	15 1/2 n.
Quays	7 1/4 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.
LANDS	
Hotels	4.27 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	22 1/4 n.
Humphreys	8 n.
H.K. Realities	415 n. & so.
Chinese Estates	100 1/4 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	18 1/2 n.
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That was in 1937?—Yes.

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And did you on February 3, 1937 open it by depositing \$20?—Yes.

You continued to hold that account until January, 1939. Is that correct?—1938 or 1939. I don't remember exactly which year.

During the period that you had this savings account, you deposited the sum of \$1,017.43. Is that correct?—Yes.

Will you tell me a few details about these deposits you made? I think I will remind you of them. On February 15, 1937 you deposited \$170?—Yes.

Where did you get that from?—From my sister.

What is the name of your sister?—Mrs Leung.

Where does she live?—I think 84 Caine Road. I am not sure of the number.

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Has Paid Her Back  
Have you given it back to her yet?—Yes, I paid her at various times whenever she asked for it. The whole amount has been paid up.

And did she give you a receipt from time to time?—No. As we are brother and sister we trust each other.

On May 22, 1937 you deposited \$210 in your savings account. What was that? Savings from your salary?—This was also my sister's money.

She gave you more money?—Yes. What did your sister do?—I don't know.

Did she work?—I don't know. I lived at Shing Mun and I returned home only at the week-end.

But didn't she tell you about this money that she gave you to deposit?—She didn't, but she said that the money was to be for her marriage.

Did she not tell you where she had got the money from?—No.

On August 9, you deposited \$200?—Yes. This was also her money.

All the money in this account is hers.

**Withdrawals**  
On November 1, you deposited \$200. Then you started withdrawing your account. On November 10, you withdrew \$200. What was that for?—I withdrew the money at my sister's request. She wanted the money to prepare for her marriage.

On February 17, 1939, you had withdrawn all the money your sister had given you to deposit except for \$77.43?—That might have been so. I don't remember.

I am telling you it is so. If she did not get married until last year, why did she withdraw this money?—That is her business. I don't know her private life.

What did you do with the balance of \$77.43?—I returned it to my sister. Have you got a bank account now?—No.

You are quite sure?—Yes.

What are you doing at the present moment?—Part of the time I act as a foreman and the remainder of the time I look after the accounts in the office.

What office?—The A.R.P. tunnel office at Hung Hom. It is a Government office.

A Government office?—I don't know but I was when it was put up. Isn't that Kin Lee's office?—I cannot say.

He told you to go there?—Mr Campbell.

You think it was a Government office?—He did not.

You think it is a Government office?—I thought it was.

**Work Described**  
Will you tell the Commissioners what you do in that office?—In the mornings I go out and inspect the sites at the tunnels and in the afternoon I return to the office. I have several assistants there and I look into the accounts to see if they have been doing their work.

What accounts?—Accounts connected with the daily paid workmen and stores we received.

Do you check off these daily paid workmen?—Yes. The workmen work in three shifts and there are three foremen. The shifts are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight, and from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. I am the No. 1 foreman and am in charge of the other three foremen. I check their reports.

What else do you do?—For each shift, a book is kept by a foreman, and for each site there is a separate book which is divided into contract labour and daily paid labour. In this book also is marked the number of the site and in each site there may be ten to twenty tunnels.

You go daily to check this work?—Yes.

What time do you arrive at the sites each morning?—At 8 a.m.

Always?—Sometimes I am a little late, but by no more than 10 minutes.

**Issues Explosives**  
Do you have anything to do with the issuing of explosive for blasting?—Yes.

Who do you issue the explosive to?—The sub-contractors.

They used to ask you for certain amount of explosives, did they not?—No, we have a blasting foreman who looks after that.

Do you issue explosives to him?—No, the blasting foreman gauges the amount of explosives that would be used and would enter this on a piece of paper. This would be brought to us and having examined

## Effects Of Economic Warfare

LONDON, Sept. 17 (British Wireless).—The Minister of Economic Warfare (Mr Hugh Dalton) said to-day that economic warfare worked slowly but surely and remarked that although German European conquests had brought her important economic gains at the same time her attacks had cut off certain other supplies and he instance the cotton Germany was previously getting from Russia and the wool hitherto coming to her from Iran.

Neither was economic warfare only a matter of blockade. Attacks on German shipping and the dominance of British seapower had important results on the enemy's already overstrained inland transport system.

Mr Dalton illustrated this point by citing the case of coal traffic between Germany and Italy which used to go by sea now had to be carried by rail which involved some 50 trains of 40 trucks daily for an average journey of 800 miles. These wagons had had to travel back empty because they were unsuitable for conveying fruit and vegetables which were Italy's natural exports.

Air-raids on enemy rail communications were all the time increasing the strain.

Mr Dalton spoke of the black-list, a weapon which was jointly wielded with the United States. "Hand in hand we are hunting down all over the world firms which try to trade with the enemy. These are black-listed and are barred from trade with any firm in the British Empire. If they are on the American black-list as well, there is not much more to be said."

**How Much Aluminium It Takes For A Plane**  
It takes 28,000 pounds of aluminium to manufacture one bomber, according to statistics compiled by the Canadian National War Services Salvage Bureau.

It takes 4,000 pounds of the metal for a fighter plane and 652,000 pounds to construct one battleship, it was stated.

A memorial service for the late Professor Hsu Ti-shan, M.A., D.Litt., of the Hongkong University, will be held by the local cultural organisations at the Confucian Hall on Sunday, September 21, at 3 p.m.

ed this, we would issue to the foreman.

The sub-contractors have made a statement that they could not get explosives from you unless they gave you cash. Is that correct?—No, it is not true. No such thing happened.

Having examined the workmen on the site, do you O.K. the pay-sheets sent in by the sub-contractors?—No, it is not my business to do that.

Who did that?—F. T. Cheng.

He is employed by Kin Lee?—No, he is Government servant employed by the P.W.D.

He used to O.K. the pay sheets?—Yes.

**Checks Workmen's Work**  
On information that you supplied him? You check the actual work done by the workmen?—Yes.

Who else checks these? Did Mr Campbell check it?—Yes.

How does he check them?—I don't know.

We have had a lot of documents put before us, pay sheets and vouchers which Mr Campbell, O.K'd and so have you.—That is correct.

Am I right in saying that once you had O.K'd the documents, Mr Campbell took O.K'd them without any further enquiry?—No.

What did he do to check your O.K.?—That I don't know.

Perhaps you will tell us what happens after checking and O.K'ing the documents. Did you hand them to Mr Campbell?—When goods arrived, I would check the vouchers with the goods. If I am satisfied, I would O.K. the vouchers and then make an entry in the books.

Did you make yourself satisfied that the vouchers were correct?—What exactly did you do?—For instance, if ten bamboo brooms are delivered to us, I would count them and check the number with the voucher. If correct, I would O.K. the voucher and enter in the book "Ten bamboo brooms."

Did you have anything to do with O.K'ing the transport vouchers for conveying muck from the tunnels?—Yes.

What was the procedure with regard to that?—Mr Campbell told me that the cost of removal was by lineal measurement, so much per foot. Everyday the foreman of the last shift, from 12 midnight to 8 a.m., would take measurements of the tunnels. At the end of the month, I would add up, according to this measurement so many feet of tunnel had been done during the month.

**Measurement Only**  
Who checks off the actual loads that were taken?—We care nothing about the number of loads. We only go by measurement.

Who checks off the lineal footage removed?—The three foremen I mentioned take turns so that each will take measurements when his turn comes.

So you relied on what your foremen told you as to the footage removed from the tunnels?—I base my figures on their reports.

If they made a mistake, you would not know anything about it?—That is so.

They might purposely mislead you as to the actual footage removed?—No. There is a final measurement of the tunnels so that we can check whether the measurements are correct.

According to the system you adopted, you were not in a position to when you O.K'd these charges for transport whether the correct amount of footage of muck was removed?—Naturally, if they made a mistake, I would make a mistake too, for I cannot do all the work.

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"How old are you, my boy?"  
"Fourteen and seven months, Sir."  
"And how long have you been in the hotel business?"  
"Six months and two weeks, Sir."  
"And are you going to stick to it?"  
"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go into reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."  
"And then come back and manage an hotel?"  
"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

## DUKE OF KENT TELLS OF CANADIAN VISIT

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent has returned from his five-weeks' tour of Canada, amazed at the growth of the Empire Air Training plan. In the course of his visit, he covered about 15,000 miles by air.

Broadcasting his impressions of the air training plan to-night, the Duke said: "I do not think the people in this country have any idea of the magnitude of the plan nor of the very rapid expansion which has taken place."

"Two years ago it was a plan; to-day it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skillful selection and individual training. Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

"They came from all parts of the Empire and there was an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America. This is a great partnership," he continued.

"We are all contributing to it in our own ways, but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore take special pride in its outstanding success."

**Industries At Work**  
The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic, and her great military camps. "The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian people has impressed me deeply," he declared. "It may be because I have been in the new world for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts at least from the tragic events of the present and look forward to the day when



# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## Junior League Competition Still Keen

Kowloon Tong Challenges  
Kowloon F. C. Again  
Need For Umpires At  
Championship Matches

APART from the championship of the First Division—already won by Craigengower C.C.—interest in the League still runs high, and the results of the matches played on Saturday last have made competition even keener.

In the First Division, for instance, several teams are struggling to avoid relegation. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B," one of the teams in danger, obtained four valuable points at the expense of the Indians at Austin Road and, as the Civil Service C.C. were beaten 5-0 by K.B.G.C. "A," the K.B.G.C. "B" are now two and a half points ahead of the Civil Servants.

In the Second Division, Kowloon Football Club, favourites for the championship, were beaten 5-0 by Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, and Kowloon Tong got over their bad spell by scoring a clean-sweep win over Hongkong C.C. at Kowloon Tong.

The K.F.C. are still three points ahead of Kowloon Tong, each team having two more matches to play. In the Third Division, Police R.C. consolidated their position by taking five points from Hongkong C.C. at Chater Road.

They need only four more points from their last two matches to be certain of the title, and they are very likely to get them too.

THE most exciting match of the day was that at Austin Road where Kowloon B.G.C. "B" defeated the Indians by one shot and by four points to one, being up on two rinks. The peculiar thing about the result, from the Indians' point of view, was that they had on paper two strong rinks—Abbas' and Minu's—and one scratch side, led by D. M. Khan.

They expected Abbas and Minu to win by a margin sufficient to cover Khan should the last-named go down. But both Abbas and Minu were beaten and it was left to Khan to score the Indians' solitary point! Abbas' open rink were beaten by Len Sykes' quartette by two shots after a very good game. Several heads were changed in an interesting manner in this encounter, but Sykes and his men were a little more consistent than their opponents and deserved their win.

Sykes himself was deadly accurate in his draws to the jack and throughout the afternoon seldom sent down a bad wood. On the 20th end, when he was leading 20-10, Sykes found a lie of fly against him when his turn came to bowl. But he sprang the jack for one-with-his-very-first-wood—a very fine effort.

On the other rinks, Jack McKelvie, ably supported by John Gill at No. 3, proved a little too good for A. K. Minu and won by nine shots; while D. M. Khan, making his debut as

skip, was ten shots to the good against Joe Meyer.

THE champions, visiting their neighbours, Police R.C., left with four points. U. M. Omar's 100 per cent. record remained intact as he beat Jack Fender's four by 15 shots. "U.M." himself was once again in great form.

The lone Police point was obtained by Jim Shepherd's rink against C. S. Rossetti, who was playing with a scratch four. And taking this into consideration, it was a good performance on Rossetti's part to hold Shepherd to only four shots.

In the absence of B. W. Bradbury, J. S. Landolt piloted Craigengower's third rink and won by three shots against Bill Hollands, whose first defeat in three games it was.

KOWLOON DOCKS, who were at one time one of the teams in danger of relegation, have done well lately. Last week they continued this good work by trouncing Recreo "B" by five points to nil at Hungghem, and are now well out of danger.

KOWLOON TONG must be kicking themselves for having that run several weeks ago when they could do nothing right. With each team having two matches to play, Kowloon Tong now find themselves three points behind Kowloon F.C.

But their opportunity will come on September 27 when they meet the Footballers. They will have to be in good form, however, if they want to win as the match will be decided at Chatham Road.

IN the Third Division, the Police took no chances with the Hongkong C.C. and rubbed it in to the tune of 20 shots and five points to nil. I, for one, do not blame them as they cannot afford to drop any points at this stage. With the Police doing so well, I am afraid that Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Indians, who have been at the head of the League Table for so long, must now see their dream fade away.

WHEN the draw in the semi-final round of the Colony

### Football

COMBINED CHINESE  
V. REST OF COLONY  
ON OCTOBER 10  
To Aid Relief Fund

TWO CHARITY MATCHES in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China were arranged at a meeting of the H.K.F.A. League Management Committee last night, these games to be played on the Caroline Hill Stadium on October 10.

In the curtain-raiser, the Chinese Pressmen who are players in the Junior Divisions (2nd and 3rd) will meet the Rest of the two Sections, the second game being the Combined Chinese against the Rest of the Colony.

The times for kick-off are 3 p.m. and 4.45 p.m., admission being \$1.20, 50 cents and 40 cents.

Record Entries  
For Kowloon Chess  
Club Tournaments

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, September 25, at 6 p.m. to receive and consider the Committee's report and statement of accounts, to elect officers for the season 1941/42, and to elect two representatives for the season 1941/42 on the Colony Championship Committee.

The Club report discloses that in the Colony Open Championship, six competitors entered, five being members of the Club, and one from the Victoria Chess Club. L. Karpovich emerged winner without being beaten. In the Junior Championship, which was established for the first time this year, there were 13 entrants, with To Yu-lau emerging champion.

Record Entries  
There was a record number of entries in both the senior and junior club tournaments. Joint winners of the senior tournament were D. E. de Carvalho and C. M. Sequeira, with A. C. Poupard winning the junior championship. It is proposed to publish a Chess magazine in the near future, with Mr. K. W. Lee as editor, and it is hoped that members will support this undertaking as the profits from the magazine will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund.

Last Batch Of  
Australian Ponies

Although they had a very rough trip up from Australia, the third and final batch of Australian ponies, comprising 26 Subscription Griffins and four Griffins, arrived in the Colony safely yesterday. They were all shipped to the Colony on Major F. Hogg, of the Hongkong Jockey Club Stables, who travelled on the same ship as the ponies, said that despite the rough trip, the animals all arrived in excellent condition.

Total of 96  
This brings the total of Subscription Griffins to 96, seventy having arrived previously. A notice has been posted to all members of the Hongkong Jockey Club inviting them to subscribe for these ponies to be drawn for during the month. They will be raced in the 1942 season.

rinks championship was announced, it was recognised that unless the players were much below form, the match between the rinks led by U. M. Omar and A. J. Hall—two veteran Inter-Port skips—would provide better fare than the encounter between J. Shepherd and M. R. Abbas.

This expectation was fulfilled on the Civil Service green on Sunday last when the two games were decided.

While the I.R.C. rink won fairly comfortably against Shepherd's four, there was a great struggle between Omar and Hall. Never were there more than four shots separating the two rinks and when the last head was played, Omar was leading 16-15. Hall played a splendid shot on this last end, when the opponents were lying four, resting out the first shot, and Omar had extremely bad luck in promoting an opposing wood for second shot to clinch the match. The game has already been described and I need say little more about it except that U. M. Omar, after a brilliant exhibition, was unfortunate to play his two really bad shots of the game on this vital head. It was very unlike him to be short when the opponents were lying going.

One other point I should like to bring to the notice of the authorities is that in important matches like the semi-finals of an open competition, umpires should be appointed. More often than not in rink games, or even in pairs, umpires are not required as the skips themselves can generally decide if the No. 3's cannot reach an agreement; but as it happened on Sunday the measure was so close on the 20th head and the game had reached such a critical stage that it would have been much better for all concerned if there had been an official umpire. An umpire should certainly be appointed for the final, the date of which has not been announced.



WITHOUT AN UMPIRE... this is what happens, and it took quite some time. L. Sykes on his knees with the tape measuring with B. W. Bradbury, A. M. Omar and R. Duncan watching tensely.—Ming Yuen.

Volunteer Team Chosen For  
Inter-Services Gala  
Changes In Artillery Line-up

TOGETHER with the announcement of the Corps swimming team, changes in the Corps Artillery selections are notified for the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps aquatic championships and the Inter-Services gala to be held at the Army pool on Saturday commencing at 9 p.m.

The Corps selections present a very even front and is very representative. Only one man takes part in two events, that being E. A. Roberts, of No. 3 Company, who is swimming in both the 3 x one-length relay and the 4 x 100 yards free-style relay.

The majority of the swimmers, however, have to keep an eye on the Corps Championships events and taking part in too many events might jeopardise the chances of their respective units.

The programme is an attractive one and is in aid of the British Prisoners of War Fund. One of the outstanding features of the programme is the fact that the gala will cater to all those services of Naval, Military and Civilian nature, which are connected with the Colony's War Effort, for in addition to the four Volunteer and four Inter-Services events, there are also items for the Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., A.N.S., the A.R.P. Police and Auxiliary Fire Service.

The Hon. the Governor, Sir Mark Young, has intimated that he will be present and the Senior Naval Officer, Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N., will also attend.

The Corps medley relay team is, perhaps, the most formidable of the lot, being comprised of A. K. Rumjahn (back-stroke champion), Luiz M. Remedios (breast-stroke) and D. Lyon (free-style). This team, with the exception of Lyon, but who is also of the V.R.C., is the regular V.R.C. medley relay team that has done so well this season.

However, it must be noted that in none of the breast-stroke events is the "butterfly" stroke permitted, it not being recognised by either the Army rules or those of the Volunteers.

The programme is:  
1. Corps Championship, 4 x two lengths free-style relay.  
2. Invitation event, One Length open to the Police Forces.  
3. Inter-Services Diving.  
4. Corps Championship, Nursing Detachment, One Length.  
5. Inter-Services, 4 x 100 yards free-style relay.  
6. Invitation event, One length free-style Open to Auxiliary Fire Service.  
7. Corps Championship, 4 x one length, Nursing Detachment, V.A.R.P., Auxiliary Nursing Service.  
8. Inter-Services, 6 x one length free-style relay.  
9. Corps Championship, 100 yards Medley relay.  
10. Corps Championship, Diving.  
11. Invitation relay, One length free-style Open to A.R.P. men.  
12. Inter-Services 2 x one length medley relay.  
13. Corps Championship, 6 x one length free-style relay.

Corps Selections  
Corps representatives will be:  
4 x one length free-style relay—T. W. Nathan (Artillery), R. Goldman (No. 1 Coy.), J. C. Fenton (No. 2 Coy.), E. M. Gosano (Portuguese Coy.), D. Hutchingson (Mobile Column) and B. S. Wilson (Small Units).  
4 x 100 yards free-style relay—W. O. Lawson (Artillery), E. A. Roberts (No. 3 Coy.), J. C. Fenton (No. 2 Coy.) and A. da Rosa (Small Units).  
Diving—N. D. Booker and G. Ainslie.  
3 x one length medley relay—A. K. Rumjahn (Small Units), Luiz M. Remedios (Portuguese Coy.), and D. Lyon (Artillery).

Corps Championship Teams  
The following are tentative selections for the Corps Championship teams:  
DIVING  
Mobile Column—G. Ainslie and N. D. Booker.  
Portuguese Coy.—Cicero Florio and Luiz M. Remedios.  
State M.G.'s—R. Goldman and A. Zimmern.  
Small Units—A. A. Noronha and C. L. Saller.  
Corps Artillery—F. B. Wilson and J. Goldman.

FOUR-MEN RELAY (One Length Each)  
Mobile Column—N. D. Booker, G. Ainslie, D. Hutchingson, G. Arnold and N. D. Booker.  
Portuguese Coy.—E. A. Roberts, Luiz M. Remedios, E. da Rosa and Jose Marques.  
State M.G.'s—E. A. Roberts, C. Logan, R. Lapley and R. Goldman.  
Small Units—B. S. Wilson, A. A. da Rosa, J. C. Fenton and W. G. Lawson.  
Corps Artillery—P. B. Wilson, E. J. Kennard and W. G. Lawson.

Army Gala Postponed  
The Hongkong Area Army Swimming Championships, which were to have been held yesterday, were postponed to next Wednesday, commencing at 7.30 p.m.



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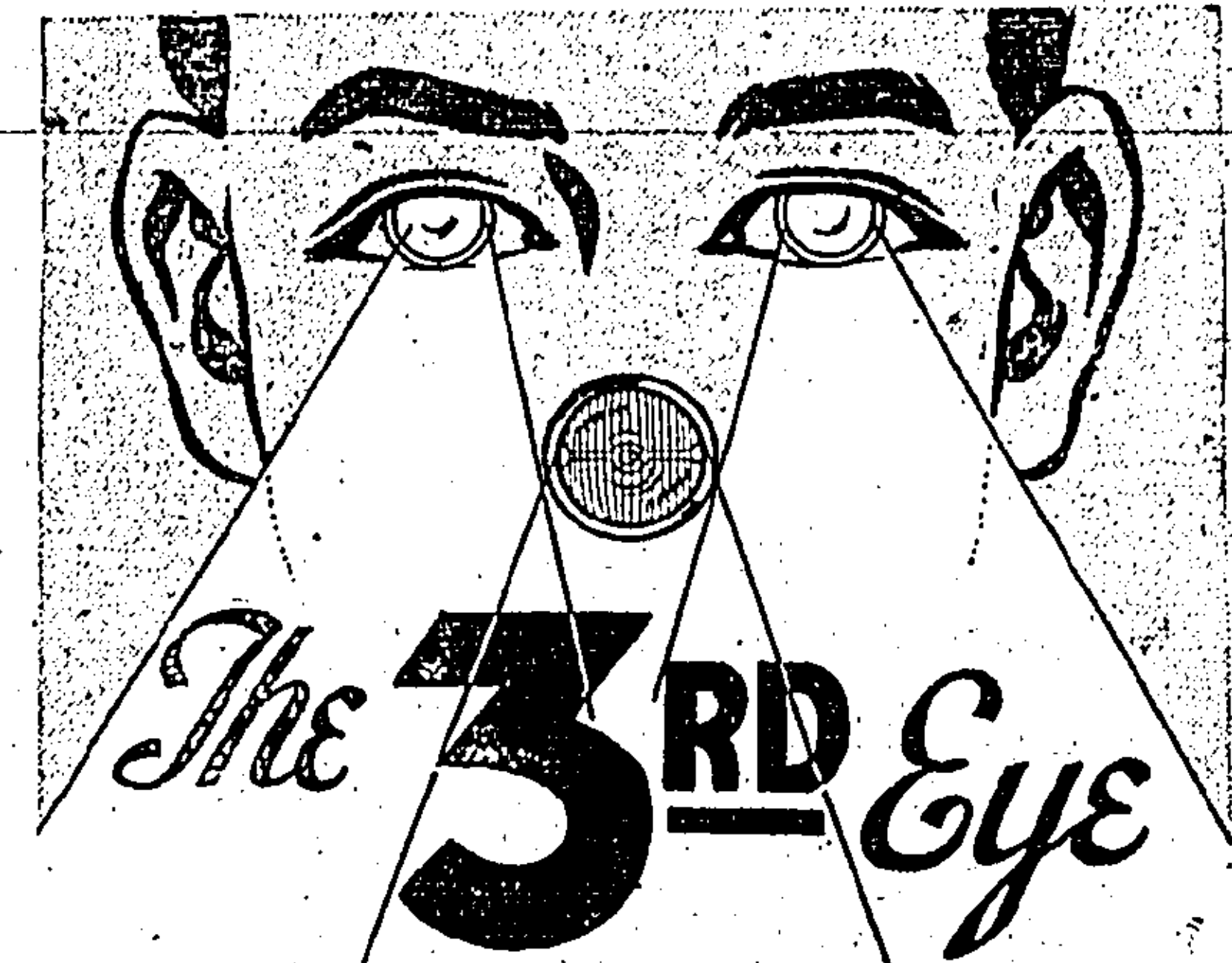
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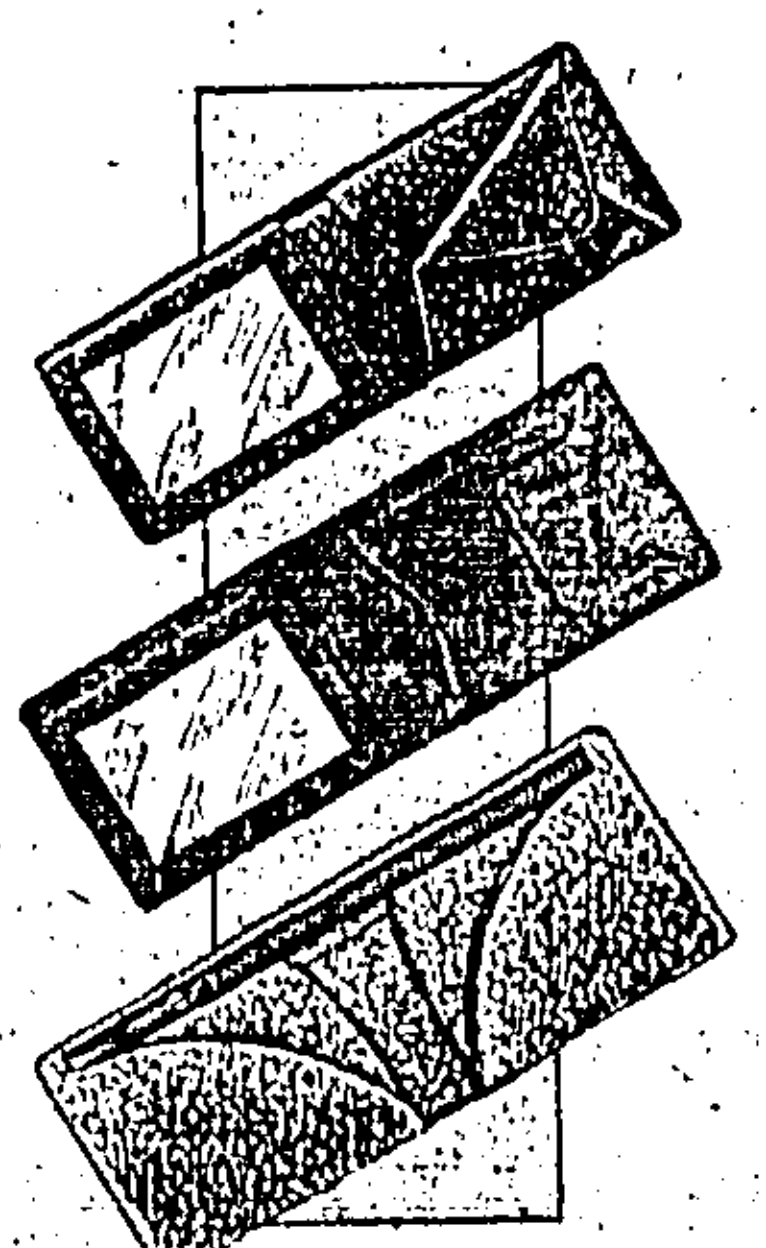
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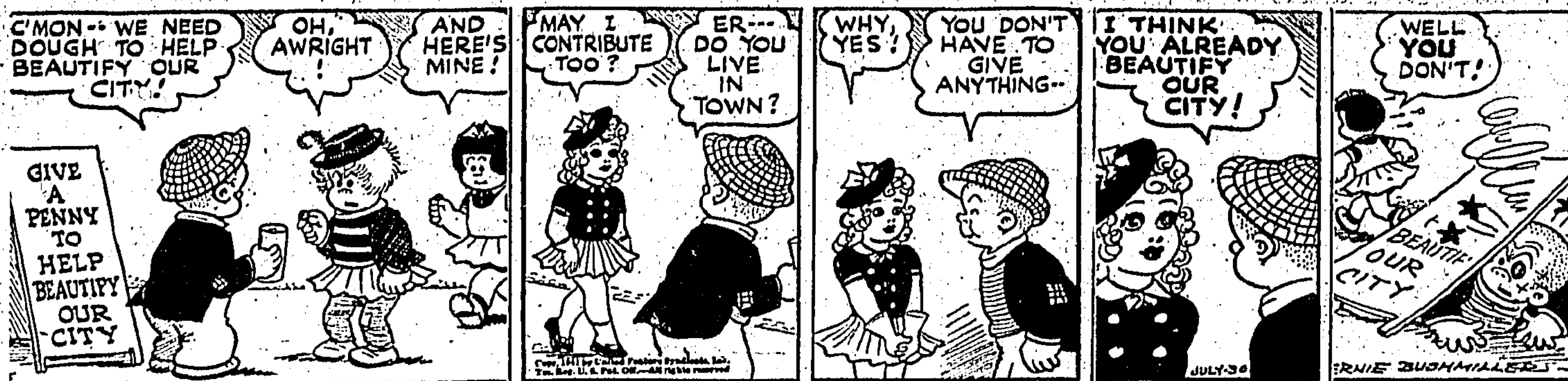
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## Story Of Costly Nazi Attempt On Gulf Gate

(By "Reuter's" Resident Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Sept. 17.—The importance of the Soviet victory in smashing the German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland is emphasised by the promotion to-day of Major-General of Coastal Defence Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

It was he who commanded the various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets hold Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that German entry into the Finnish Gulf is very difficult but also that the German possession of the Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A dispatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle but the second effort, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until yesterday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

### Enemy Ships Sunk

Aboard each of six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans. They were protected by eight des-

troyers, of which one was sunk, and 11 motor torpedo boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports.

The land battle, after some Germans had succeeded in landing, was very bitter. Every yard was contested. Several thousand Germans were killed in this second operation, making the total for both attempts extremely costly.

### Malcolm MacDonald In London For Talks

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner in Canada, has arrived in London for important consultations with the Dominions Office.

Mr. MacDonald made the Atlantic crossing at the week-end in the same bomber as the Duke of Kent. This is Mr. MacDonald's first visit since he took up his duties in Canada and he is expected to return shortly.

## Liberal-Nationalists Go All Out For Churchill

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A resolution expressing complete confidence in the present government, welcoming the Atlantic Charter, recording admiration of the Russian defence and approving speedy aid for the Russian people, was unanimously adopted at the annual conference of Liberal Nationalists held in London to-day.

Two Cabinet Ministers, Lord Chancellor, and Mr. Ernest Brown who is Minister for Health, and two ex-Ministers Mr. Hore-Belisha and Mr. Leslie Burgin, attended.

Lord Terviot in moving the resolution said that uppermost in their minds now was how they could best help the Prime Minister and those gallant men and women who had come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy foisted upon the world by the super-Satan Hitler.

The ex-War Minister Mr. Hore-Belisha supporting the resolution expressed the hope that the Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt would be the prelude to the adoption of common citizenship between America and Britain. He added, "If we can replace the Declaration of Independence by a Declaration of Interdependence we shall have laid the firmest foundation for permanent peace in the whole world."



One of the many fine studies entered in Section 2 of the "Hongkong Telegraph's" Eleventh Annual Amateur Photographic Competition. The contest is open until September 30.

## Singapore Ready to Defy Any Blockade says Brooke-Popham

SINGAPORE, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A most encouraging picture of the general defensive position of the area of which, Singapore is the strategic centre was given at a joint press conference by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, and Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of a blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think that any blockade was tenable for as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it—even without the assistance of the American Navy.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the Netherlands East Indies, Sir Robert said that from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied that the N.E.I.

would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns, but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been staff talks with the N.E.I. or any such arrangements with them, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated at a previous interview, namely that in the huge area from Burma to Australia, what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it. "You cannot separate any of these countries," he said.

### Whitehall Instructions

Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act according to instructions from Whitehall, whose decisions would be accelerated as the result of the labours of Mr. A. Duff Cooper.

Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said that relations with that country were better. They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends and they looked to us for advice as witness their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and see the working of our fighter squadrons. "I should not have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," he added.

### Independent Attitude

In reply to another question, the Commander-in-Chief agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too dependent economically and financially upon Japan.

Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a raider was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim was untrue.

## THREAT TO PARISIANS

Extreme Reprisals For Acts Against Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" VICTORY, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Germans have published a notice in Paris threatening to take hostages from "all categories of the Parisian population" if the attacks continue against German military personnel. The occupation authorities state that the notice was made in the press and by placards as a follow-up of the execution of ten hostages yesterday.

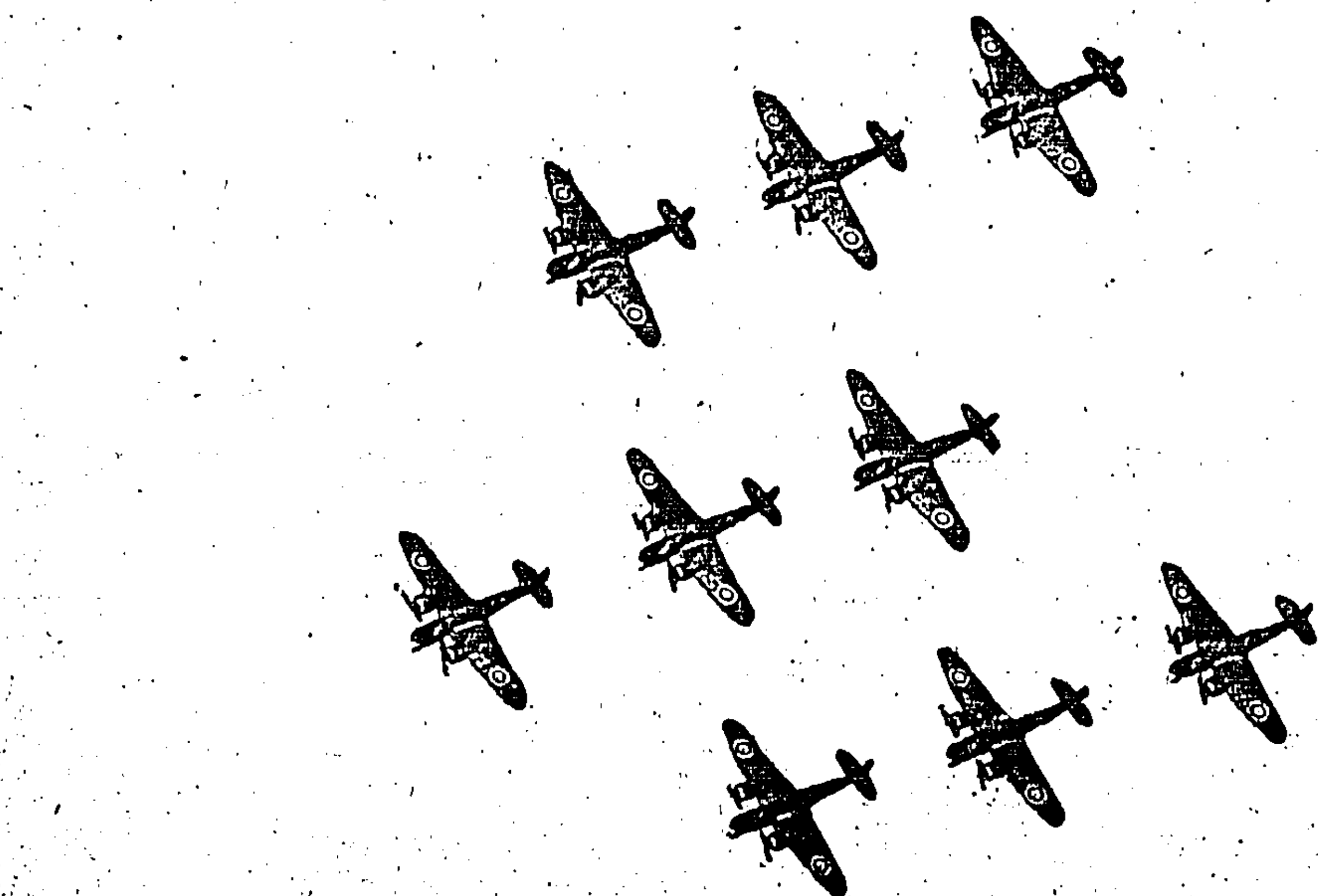
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CAIRO, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—"In the Gondar area, where the last remnants of the Italian Army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces, weather conditions have now permitted resumption of our offensive activities."

During the past few days, patrols from our troops were in contact with the enemy holding defending positions in Gondar.

**Material For Soviet**  
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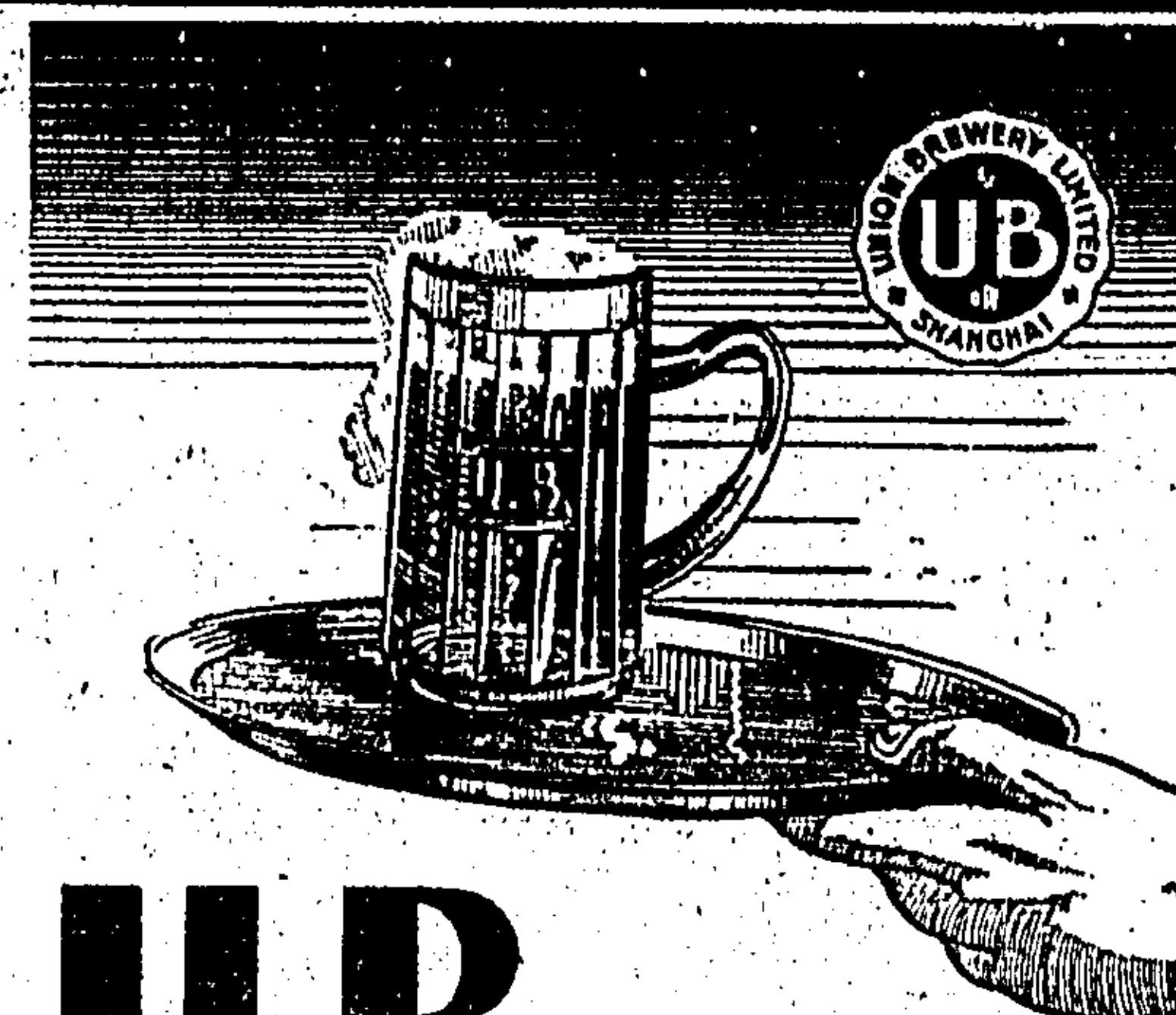


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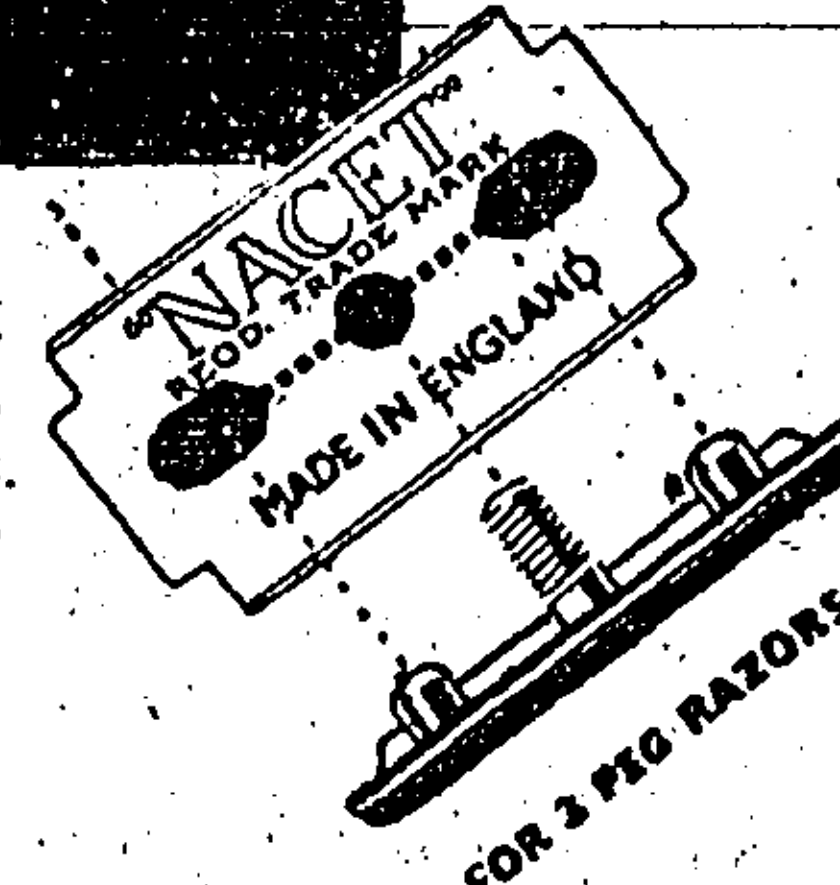
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The crew of ten are reported to be safe, and it is learned that the vessel suffered some damage. Efforts are being made to have her refloated.

**Grounded At Lantau**

It is also reliably understood that a river boat which was in distress during the typhoon finally beached at the southern end of Lantau. She was found to be deserted, the crew apparently having left the ship after she had grounded. There were also indications that she had been looted.

**Sunken Junk**

A sunken junk with its side above water has been reported approximately 100 feet in a easterly direction from the end of the breakwater at the entrance to Cheung Sha Wan. It is considered dangerous to navigation.

**Indian Politics Find Vent In Bengal**

CALCUTTA, Sept. 17. (Reuter).—What appeared to be an impending Parliamentary crisis in Bengal has been temporarily averted.

Following the recent demand for the resignations of the Premiers of Bengal, Assam and Punjab from the Viceroy's National Defence Council, which was made by the Executive Council of the All-India Muslim League, Mr. Fazul Huq the Bengal Premier, obeyed the League mandate and resigned from the Defence Council but also resigned from the League Executive Council.

This action was followed by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in Bengal. Six motions of no confidence were passed in the legislature against the Finance Minister, Sadrul Haque, before the House was adjourned until September 18.

**No Confidence Motions**

Supporters of the Premier and other Party leaders have sent letters to the Governor expressing want of confidence in the Finance Minister. The Governor called a conference of Party leaders to consider the situation and told them that he will propose to the assembly when it meets to-morrow to adjourn with his previous decision. The assembly will be summoned again in November when fresh non-confidence motions will have to be brought as those of which notice has already been given will have lapsed.

## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

TO-DAY & TO-MORROW At 2.30, 5.30, 7.45 & 9.45 P.M.

Explosions were heard from the French coast.

**Great Damage Done**  
LONDON, Sept. 17. (Reuter).—Further information now available concerning the R.A.F. raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, this afternoon reveals that the damage caused was very considerable.

The Air Ministry states that this plant is an important one, having batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and ether together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheim bombers had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works—one explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works where the bombs exploded on a large container.

**Cloud Cover**  
Describing this, one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be the outside of a gas container blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

Although the weather was clear on this side of the Channel, there was some cloud over Northern France but not enough to hide the objective.

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## P.W.D. FOREMAN TELLS OF "SQUEEZE-TAKING" RUMOURS AT INQUIRY

REVELATIONS THIS MORNING AT THE INQUIRY INTO MATTERS AFFECTING THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE A.R.P., INCLUDED THE STATEMENT BY TSANG PIU-FAN, P.W.D. FOREMAN, THAT, ALTHOUGH HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING THE O.K. TO PAYMENT VOUCHERS FOR THE REMOVAL OF MUCK FROM A.R.P. TUNNELS, CERTAIN AMOUNTS HAD BEEN PAID OUT BY GOVERNMENT AGAINST VOUCHERS WHICH HE HAD NEITHER SEEN BEFORE, NOR INITIALED.

Tsang also declared that rumours had been spread about that he was taking "squeeze" in connection with his work. He had not complained to anybody about them because, he said, he could not prove who had spread the rumours.

Earlier in the hearing, Tsang was closely questioned about a banking account he had opened in February of 1939. Tsang declared that the account was his sister's for whom he made the deposits and which he had since paid back again to her. He understood from her that the savings were for her marriage.

### RUSSIA AND BULGARIA

Unsatisfactory Sofia Reply To Protest  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Russia has notified Bulgaria that her reply to Russia's complaint against the massing of Axis naval forces in Bulgarian ports is unsatisfactory.

According to the Tass Agency, M. Molotov gave notification to this effect to the Bulgarian Minister, M. Ivan Stamenov, in Moscow.

Bulgaria announced yesterday that she had rejected Russia's protest against alleged preparations by the Axis Powers to use Bulgaria as a springboard for attacks against the Russian Caucasus.

**Demarche To Turkey**  
ANKARA, Sept. 17 (UP).—Bulgaria has made a formal demarche on Turkey and requested permission for eight Bulgarian destroyers, one submarine, three torpedo boats and a torpedo boat to pass through the Dardanelles. It was revealed here to-night reviving the rumours that Bulgaria had bought some Italian warships.

### MURDER OF A RUSSIAN

Shai Investigation  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (UP).—The police have charged Eugene Piek, Russian actor and former officer in the Soviet Red Army with being the instigator of the murder of M. Mamontoff, while Tsang Sin-gouh was charged as being an accomplice and Liovang Ling with the murder. All appeared at the Second Special District Court yesterday afternoon.

## Soviet Successes In Baltic & At Odessa

Special to the "Telegraph"

MOSCOW, Sept. 18 (UP).—The Leningrad correspondent of the "Red Star" to-day reported that Soviet infantry, supported by land artillery plus big guns from the Baltic fleet, and detachment of marines, have succeeded in re-capturing an important village at the junction of two highways leading to Leningrad.

## Protection For U.S. Harbours

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, today told the press that the Navy Department is prepared to place submarine nets "at entrances of important harbours of the United States and its possessions where this type of defence is applicable."

The announcement did not specify any particular harbours, but it is assumed that they will include Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Philippines in view of their importance from a military and naval standpoint.

The German forces which are attempting to take Leningrad are now concentrating on the village and are at present rushing up fresh troops and heavier concentrations of artillery in an attempt to re-capture the village, but the Soviet lines are holding firm.

**Germans Driven Back**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—According to the official Tass agency, the Soviet Information Bureau reports from Odessa that the Germans, the other day, captured some heights west of Dabulit but the Russian infantry, co-operating with the naval units, hurled them off all the heights after fierce fighting for several hours. The Germans finally retreated from their initial positions leaving a large number of corpses.

**Menace To Crimea**  
MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP).—The German drive into the Ukraine is reported to be menacing Crimea. The official spokesman N. Lomovsky, when asked about the rumours, drive against Perokop where a four mile wide neck of land joins Crimea with the mainland said: "Of course the Germans are trying to force a decision in at least one place, but they never will succeed against the powerful combination of the Soviets and Britain aided by the United States."

**Russo-German Losses**  
MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP).—Today's communique states that Soviet troops fought stubborn battles on the entire front. On September 15, the Soviet air force destroyed 78 German planes in air combats and on the ground. The Soviets lost 25.

**German Claims**  
BERLIN, Sept. 17 (UP).—The official news agency states that bombers and Stukas last Tuesday over the Black Sea sank two transports and damaged eleven additional transports and merchantmen totalling 200,000 tons, and scored three direct hits on a battleship of the Mera type, as well as destroying 20 small coastal ships.

### LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

## What Nazis are Up Against In The Western Desert

Feature of the British defences in the Western Desert and around Tobruk are these latest type of tank traps, which are known as "Dragons Teeth." They are causing a lot of trouble to the Nazis.



## U. S. Warships Begin Convoying Lend And Lease Supply Ships

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox, today told the press that the United States is now convoying vessels of all flags which are carrying Lend and Lease supplies. Asked whether the United States navy was convoying war shipments for Britain to Iceland, Colonel Knox said: "The escort of convoys by war vessels is only one of the methods which can be used and are being used in all of our defence areas."

## Sweeping RAF Raids Across N. France

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers escorted by a strong formation of fighters attacked a power plant at Mazingarbe near Bethune this afternoon. It is learned in London that bombs were seen to hit the target and fires were started. German fighters attempted to prevent the attack but failed.

## HEAVY SHELLING OF TOBRUK

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—British Headquarters has issued the following communique: "Following our raids from Tobruk, enemy shelling of our forward positions is still heavy in the east, but has decreased against the south and west sectors."

**Swaying Lines**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The swaying battle in the Libyan-Egyptian frontier area following a German attack was described in London to-day. "It was stated that after the initial enemy attack had been repulsed, British forces returned to their original line. Bringing up 20 tanks, the enemy made another attack which forced the British back between six and seven miles. But by nightfall the British were again back in their original positions. Five enemy tanks were destroyed. The enemy's action had apparently been in the nature of reconnaissance in force with the idea of bombarding the frontier and at Tobruk to 'lay out the land,' but there is no indication of preparation for immediate operation by the enemy on a large scale."

**Evening Raid**  
Observers along the English Channel state that the weather was fine with remarkably clear visibility when the British planes raced across the French coast.

Another big force swept across the French coast this evening. The sky was described as being full of Spitfires and Hurricanes some flying at a great height. Other fighters, however, were only just above sea level. Shortly afterwards, heavy explosions were heard.

At least six German fighters are known to have been destroyed. One Blenheim bomber and seven British fighters were lost but one British pilot was later rescued from the sea by the R.A.F. sea rescue service.

German fighters attempted to interfere with the rescue operation but were driven off by British fighter patrols, one German being shot down.

He declined to reveal whether the navy is providing protection for ships outside the North Atlantic, but admitted that officials are studying the possibility of arming merchantmen. He explained that legislation would be required for that, adding that he, personally, was undecided regarding the matter. He admitted that the shortage of guns was the main factor regarding merchantmen.

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## Anonymous \$1,000 For Bombers

An anonymous donation of \$1,000 for the Bomber Fund has been received to-day, being the third from the generous donor concerned. Yesterday, a cheque, also for \$1,000, was received from "A group of French Residents for Victory."

## Japan Is Accused Of Violating Agreement

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 (UP).—Senator Mons Wallgren to-day said that Japan is violating her agreement with the United States by sending boats into Alaskan waters which are restricted to American fishermen.

The Senator has sent a letter to the State Department protesting against the alleged violation and enclosed a photograph of Japanese vessels which he said were taken on the spot.

He claimed that he had "reliable evidence that the boats had entered the restricted waters during the summer months."

He declared that the Japanese boats were at a point between the Pribiloff Islands and Kuskokwim Bay and fished from small boats which used a large boat as a base.

He added: "The Alaskan fisheries are worth more than all the goods taken from Alaska. The Japanese probably need fish for their armies."

## 3 Swedish Destroyers Sunk in Naval Base

Special to the "Telegraph"

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17 (UP).—It is officially known that 31 men were killed and 11 injured when explosions and fires sank the Swedish destroyers Göteborg, 1,040 tons, Klas Horn, 1,020 tons and the Klas Ulga, 1,020 tons this morning at the Maersgarn naval base.



THE SWEDISH DESTROYER GOTEBURG.

Flaming oil covered the water, hampering the rescue work, and it is believed that the casualties will reach 100. Half of the 600 members of the crews were on shore leave when the disaster struck.

It is believed that the careless handling of torpedoes may have caused the explosion on the Göteborg which broke in half and sank rapidly, spreading the fire to the others and causing further explosions. The exact reason for the explosions remains uncertain but it is believed to have occurred in the ammunition room or the boiler room.

Admiral Aernsved, commander of the flotilla which was the victim of the disaster is commanding the rescue work from his flagship. The United Press correspondent arrived at the scene of the explosions at the same time as 15 ambulances and 300 members of the crews, returning from leave. The crews gathered at the gates of the naval yard where they are anxiously awaiting news of their comrades. At 2 p.m. the ships and the surrounding waters are still burning fiercely making the rescue work most difficult.

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## Mid-West Farms To Aid Britain

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The "New York Daily News" is now running a series of articles by its own correspondent Grace Robinson, revealing the enormous up-swing of food production in the Mid-Western States.

The first article, appearing on September 9, was headlined "Isolationist States Help Win British Food War."

This investigation tour of the big five defence food states proved that nervous New Yorkers need not worry about war-time pantries. The English also may know that per- canned tomatoes and evaporated milk from America will not fail them.

The American farmer has done a remarkable job of speed-up.

## Eden Will Consider Women Diplomats

LONDON, Sept. 17 (British Wire- less).—The Foreign Secretary to-day received a deputation which urged him to reconsider his decision to exclude women from entering the diplomatic service.

While making no promises, Mr. Eden undertook to consider the views put forward by the deputation and to communicate with them again.

## TIN HAT DAY

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## G. R. NOTICE

### HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EVACUATION EXPENSES COMMITTEE

The Evacuation Expenses Committee is still holding meetings to deal with applications for Financial Assistance from husbands in Hongkong whose families have been evacuated to Australia.

To enable this Committee to deal with all applications expeditiously, full information must be given of the monthly salary and allowances which the applicant receives in Hongkong and any other particulars upon which the claim is based.

All applications will be treated confidentially and should be forwarded to the SECRETARY, EVACUATION EXPENSES COMMITTEE, TREASURY, WINDSOR HOUSE, 3rd FLOOR.

## G. R.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet.	Ann. Rental	Upset Price
			K.	S.	E.	W.			
			feet	feet	feet	feet			
1	Kowloon Inland No. 4312.	Between Kwunlong Inland Lots Nos. 333, 334, 335, 336, 337 Street, Kau Pui Shek.	as per sale plan.				about 2,300	\$25	\$1,050

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$105.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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No. of sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in	Approx. Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.	sq. feet.		
1	Kowloon District No. 423	Haiwan Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 4378 & 4379, Ha Heng Road, To Kwa Wan.	feet	feet	feet	feet	about 4,100	\$1,000	\$1,000
as per sale plan.									

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$284.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

## Russian Victory Described

### Permits Investment Of Smolensk

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP).—The forty-five days of hostilities which have culminated in Marshal Timoshenko's successful offensive in September, throwing back the Germans on the west bank of the River Vop, enabling the investment of Smolensk, were detailed in a dispatch received from General Rokossovsky to-day.

The dispatch stated that the Seventh German tank division, reinforced by infantry and motorised units which was outflanked at Smolensk in mid-July, approached Yartsevo on the Moscow highway and planned to drive on the capital. After the first assault had been repulsed the Germans took the offensive again early in August. The Russians counter-attacked, broke up the tank division and advanced to the west bank of the Vop, after which the Germans regrouped and planned to reach the Moscow road by flanks from Elyna to the south.

**After 80 Days**  
WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANALYST"—LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The German communique to-day makes a revealing statement although it does not constitute a claim. It says that in the east, offensive actions are developing into one operation on a very big scale.

This bears out the Russian communique, which again speaks of stubborn fighting along the whole front.

The testimony of both the Russians and Germans is therefore in agreement, mainly that the fierce German onslaught is matched by stubborn Russian resistance.

Thus after 80 days of fighting, both sides are still striving for victory and neither can claim any major or decisive battles.

**Claims Too Precious**  
But this bald analysis of the position does less than justice to the Soviet defence. In order to appreciate the nature of their success, it is only necessary to quote the bulletins of the German High Command after the first fortnight and three weeks of the war.

The road was stated to be open to Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev while the Russian forces were described as a disorganised rabble without leadership and co-ordination.

These reports of the High Command are not propaganda fairy tales issued by Goebbels' loud speakers. They are the most damning evidence of the unreliability of German bulletins.

It is clear that desperate fighting is still proceeding. The German effort undoubtedly has been stupendous but it has been matched by Soviet resistance and losses on both sides have been astronomical.

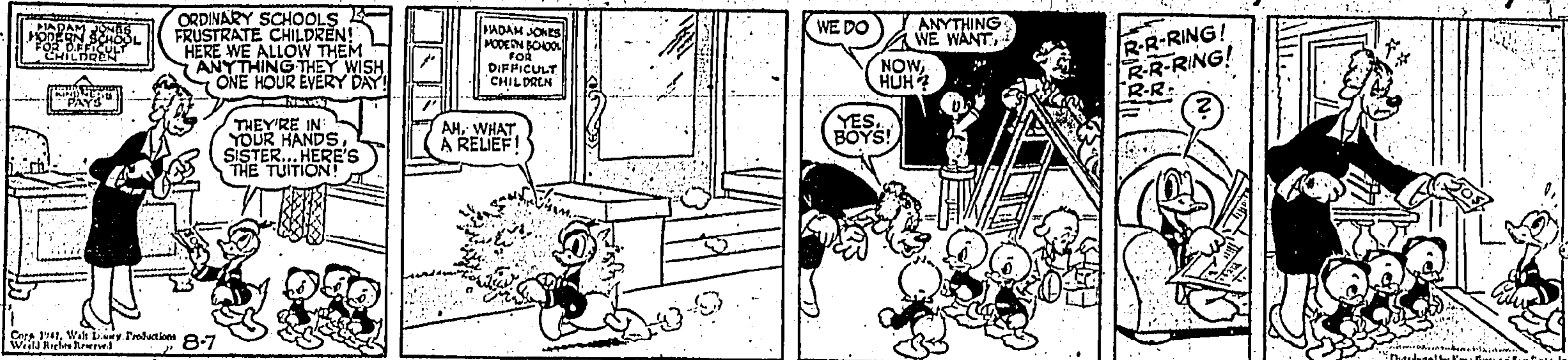
**German Murmurs**  
But the Russian is fighting for his hearth and home. The German soldier, if he does think at all, must be asking himself why all this sacrifice. Certainly the people in Germany are beginning to murmur and to show their anxiety.

The most significant feature of yesterday's news was the claim made in an official Soviet quarter to have scored another big success in the Smolensk area



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## CONTRACT BRIDGE

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### Aftermath

"Dear Mrs. Culbertson: I messed up this hand the other evening and it was not until 4 a.m. that I suddenly realized I had overlooked the simplest sort of safety play on the second trick. I wonder what percentage of experts would have seen it.

"South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

♠ A Q 7 6  
♥ A Q  
♦ Q 8  
♣ J 10 8 7 2

N E  
W S

♠ K 10 8 4  
♥ 10  
♦ A K 5 4 3  
♣ A

"I was South and the contract was five clubs. I was annoyed that it was not six clubs when I saw the dummy.

"The king of diamonds was opened by West and East gave him the ace. A heart was led; I thoughtlessly finessed and lost to the king. A diamond was returned. I trumped, drew trumps, led a small spade to the board and, after putting on the ace, had to lose a spade trick. I do not think that I played the spades improperly, as even had I started from the board I would have played one of the honours, to keep top honours in both hands.

"But if on the second trick, I had played the ace of hearts, drawn trump, trumped the last diamond, and then given up the heart, no distribution of spades could have beaten me. S. H. New York."

As my correspondent points out, here was an opportunity for a little known but valuable safety play. If the contract had been six clubs, of course the heart finesse had to be tried, but at five, any safety factor

that could be thrown about the hand was highly desirable.

My correspondent's analysis of what this safety play should have been, however, was not entirely accurate. Played precisely as he suggested, he still would have a guess in the spade suit. That is to say, after stripping the North-South hands of diamonds and throwing a defender on lead with the heart queen, a spade return still would leave a guess.

For example, suppose East were to take the heart queen and lead a low spade. Declarer would, of course, follow low, and let us assume the nine-spot would force the queen. Now declarer would have to guess whether to lay down the ace, playing East for a possible ruse from the dummy so that if East showed out a finesse could be taken against the jack in West's hand.

The true safety play was to take the heart ace, draw the adverse trumps, ruff dummy's remaining diamond, and then cash the spade ace before the heart queen. Now if a spade were returned it would prove one of two things, both satisfactory from declarer's point of view: either that the spade suit would break or that the leader of the second spade was the one who originally had four.

### Tomorrow's Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ A J 10 8 5 3  
♥ Q 8 4  
♦ 7  
♣ 10 6 5

N E  
W S

♠ K Q 7  
♥ J 10 9 3  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ 7 3 2

♠ 10  
♥ A K 6 5 2  
♦ Q 10 9  
♣ A J 4

How should East defend against South's four heart contract? Opening lead, heart seven.

## Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Killed
- 2-Deeply
- 3-Highest male voice
- 4-Fourth dimension
- 5-Crested
- 6-Part of speech
- 7-Turkish noise
- 8-Noise in chest
- 9-Pipe
- 10-Design
- 11-Hebrew letter
- 12-Crest "wavy"
- 13-Thread used as counter-irritant
- 14-Trait-er
- 15-Drugged (col.)
- 16-Louise
- 17-Forward
- 18-Battle; one who
- 19-Virgin
- 20-Poisoning
- 21-Evergreen tree
- 22-Duller's workman
- 23-Daniel
- 24-Argentine
- 25-Bird
- 26-Clamorous
- 27-Windmill wings
- 28-Worthless thing
- 29-Religious group
- 30-Preceded
- 31-Ford at end of
- 32-Pains
- 33-Fitting instrument
- 34-Purely
- 35-Stomach
- 36-Medical plant
- 37-Meat (col.)
- 38-Weird

DOWN

- 1-Pace
- 2-Capital of Peru
- 3-Give forth
- 4-Lived (epic)
- 5-Belamou
- 6-His grass
- 7-Crest "S"
- 8-Older dishes
- 9-His feathers
- 10-Gummy zokela
- 11-His hair
- 12-Individual
- 13-Homous point
- 14-His hair
- 15-Local
- 16-Town of Scotland
- 17-Vegetable
- 18-Town of Scotland
- 19-Edward
- 20-Purple officers
- 21-Preceded (Latin)
- 22-Put into law
- 23-Feminine title of respect
- 24-Poodle
- 25-Containing to ide
- 26-Holding
- 27-Hubways
- 28-The (French)
- 29-Registered invention
- 30-Dressed
- 31-Joined with thread
- 32-Mistaken
- 33-Shellier side
- 34-Shellier side
- 35-Shellier side
- 36-Shellier side
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## Abdication Of Despot Of Iran Breaks Grim Bonds

(By "Reuters" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, Sept. 17 (Delayed).—Striving desperately till the last to retain his position, Shah Riza Pahlevi was forced from the throne by the surging demand of his own people who had been brought to the point of revolt by the tyranny of the last 16 years.

Only a still lingering fear of the ruthless despot, whose secret police were as efficiently organised as the Gestapo prevented them from rising against him during the last two weeks.

By Monday only one quarter remained from which he could expect help—senior officers of the Army whose positions endowed them with rich pickings. The remainder of the army, consisting of conscripted peasants and under-paid young officers, is as hostile to him as the rest of the population.

### Gamble On Army

It is believed that the Shah gambled to the last minute on the hope that the Army would help him quell a popular uprising and that the British and Russians would not intervene.

It is reported that the Cabinet saw him on Monday night, urging abdication but was met with a blunt refusal. He then sought the advice of Sir William Bullard, the British Minister, through a secret emissary. The realisation that he could not obtain any help from Britain probably convinced him that the "game was up."

Early on Tuesday morning he summoned the Premier to the Winter Palace near Teheran to which he had moved from his Summer Palace in the mountains to the north and handed him the deed of abdication.

Although every effort was made to keep the abdication secret—fear of disorders, the news quickly spread throughout the capital and big crowds gathered before loud-speakers at mid-day to hear the official announcement.

### Prisoners Freed

One of the first results of Riza Khan's removal from power is the release of some of the great numbers of political prisoners who crowd the jails. The Shah dismissed from post the Minister of War immediately after "Case Fereh" had been ordered. Before throwing him into prison, Riza Khan bent him with the flat of his sword and kicked him.

He also struck all the most senior Army officers, who had not already fled from Teheran.

After interviewing the Premier, the Shah set out in a car for Isfahan, about 220 miles to the south. Isfahan is the ancient centre of Persian art and culture, where young men and boys whose sight is not yet ruined by the closeness of their work still paint some of the world's finest miniatures on camel bone and mother of pearl.

### Passed Allied Troops

On the road he must have passed British and Indian troops advancing on Teheran. It is not yet known whether he had taken with him any of the vast fortune he has amassed from his trade in monopolies and taxation—a fortune he kept in the vaults of his palace. A part has already been sent to America and perhaps to England.

Special precautions are being taken by the Persian Government as well as British and Russian troops in case the tyrannised people should seek revenge on the former Shah's agents.

### Russians Near City

Russian troops had on Tuesday reached the 30th kilometre stone from Teheran, from where they can reach the city in 25 minutes. If Teheran remains quiet, they are expected to remain there till Wednesday when they will enter at the same time as the British.

At present there is complete calm in the city. People in the streets seem dazed by the news although they have lived in hourly expectation of it for the last two weeks.

Shortly after the announcement in Parliament, Government pamphlets were circulated in the streets announcing Riza Khan's abdication and giving the text of the abdication deed which stated: "Because I spent all my energy for the good of the country during these last years, it is necessary that a younger man who can do more for the country shall take my place. I therefore recommend that the Crown Prince shall succeed me. From to-day, the 25th of Shahrivar (Iran uses a solar calendar, dating from Mohamed's flight from Mecca), the Iranian nation and Army must obey the new Shah, recognising him as the real king and must give him the same loyalty as they gave me."

### Normal Life of Country

Later the Government announced: "The Shah left Teheran this morning. The Government is in touch with the British and Russian Governments in order to preserve as far as possible

## Obligations To Russia

### Fadden Tells Country

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—Speaking of the Australian Commonwealth's obligation to Russia, Mr. A. W. Fadden, the Australian Prime Minister, said it was clear that Soviet supplies were more than the material support that the United States and the British Empire could offer.

Australia has obligations to her Russian ally, "We are bound by our security as well as by our honour to give her this help. There should be no slackening of the supplies we have gained by Russia's resistance, will provide us with a chance to fill up the gap in our own defence requirements."

### Departing Diplomats

The staff of the Rumanian Legation leaves Teheran on Tuesday by car for Tarbiz, from where they will pass through Turkey on their way to Rumania. The German, Hungarian and Bulgarian Legations leave by the same route on Wednesday. The families of the Germans had originally elected to go with the men so the British made special arrangements for them to be billeted with their husbands in concentration camps in India, but apparently they have now been ordered by the German Government to return to Germany.

## SUPPLYING NAVAL BASES

### Call On Merchants

NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—Rear-Admiral Adolphus Andrews, Commandant of the Third Naval District, announced that the United States Navy has arranged to use 17 merchantmen—as supply ships—to naval bases outside continental United States.

Several have been put into service and the remainder will be ready shortly.

### Crown Prince Takes Oath

TEHERAN, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Crown Prince took the oath of loyalty to the constitution in the presence of Parliament at 4.55 p.m. to-day.

### Legation Forced Out

SOFIA, Sept. 17 (UP).—It is officially stated that the Bulgarian Legation at Teheran has been forced to leave the city under pressure of the British and Russian authorities.

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## THREAT TO PARISIANS

### Extreme Reprisals For Acts Against Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". VICHY, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Germans have published a notice in Paris threatening to take hostages from "all categories of the Parisian population" if the attacks continue against German military personnel.

The occupation authorities state that the notice was made in the press and by placards as a follow-up of the execution of ten hostages yesterday.

It said: "If the attacks continued, the occupation authorities will make reprisals in increasing numbers, and hostages will not be exclusively chosen from among the Communists but all categories of the Parisian population."

## Indian Politics Find Vent In Bengal

CALCUTTA, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—What appeared to be an impending Parliamentary crisis in Bengal has been temporarily averted.

Following the recent demand for the resignations of the Premiers of Bengal, Assam and Punjab from the Viceroy's National Defence Council, which was made by the Executive Council of the All-India Muslim League, Mr. Fazlul Haq, the Bengal Premier, obeyed the League mandate and resigned from the Defence Council but also resigned from the League Executive Council.

This action was followed by demonstrations and counter-demonstrations in Bengal. Six motions of no confidence were passed in the legislature against the Finance Minister, Sirpurwallah, before the House was adjourned until September 18.

## No Confidence Motions

Supporters of the Premier and other Party leaders have sent letters to the Governor expressing want of confidence in the Finance Minister.

The Governor called a conference of Party leaders to consider the situation and told them that he will prorogue the assembly when it meets to-morrow in accordance with his previous decision. The assembly will be summoned again in November when fresh non-confidence motions will have to be brought as those of which notice has already been given will have lapsed.

## Five Austrians Executed

### Hostile Tendencies

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—Five Austrians were executed in Berlin on Tuesday, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish paper "Dagens Nyheter."

Of one Edward Jaroslawsky, it was said that he displayed hostile tendencies towards the state for many years and had recently attempted to impair the powers of resistance of the German people.

The other four were executed for reason of espionage, which they performed for payment from a foreign Power.

## Another Nazi Killed

VICHY, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—A German NCO was gravely wounded by someone unknown last night near Paris. He died this morning, says the Vichy news agency.



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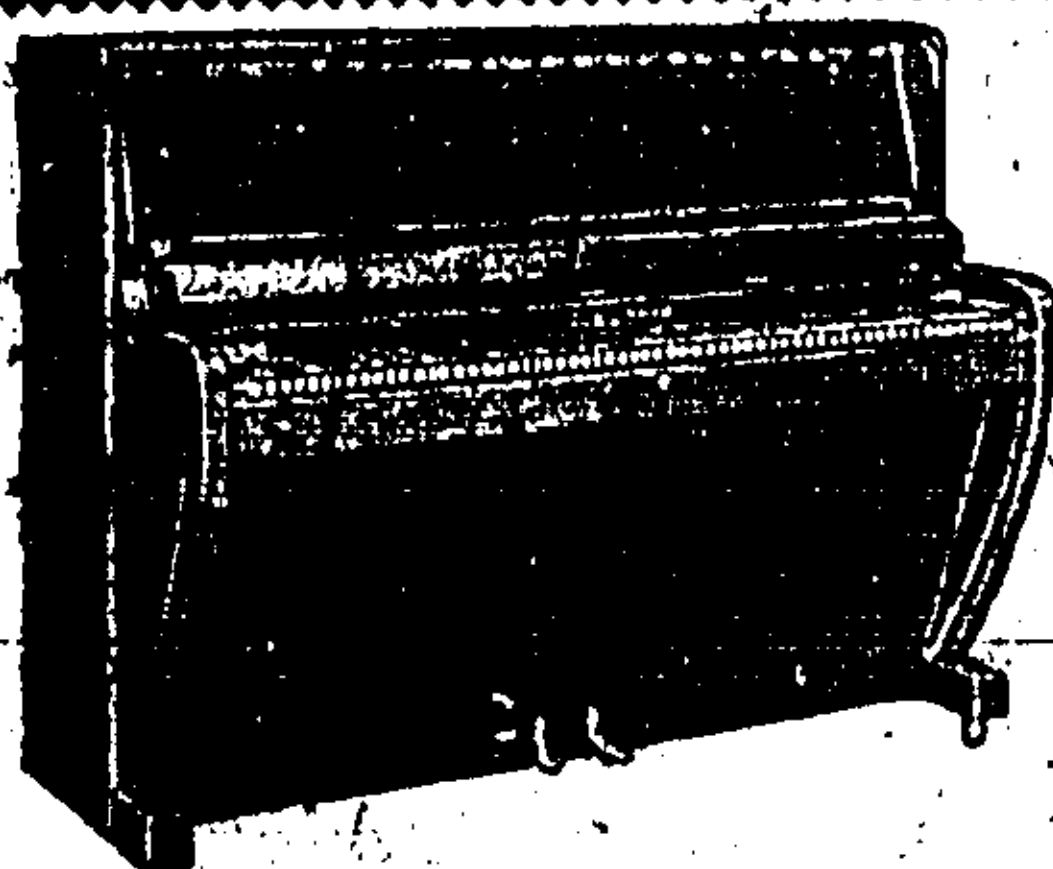
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### MARRIAGE

At Singapore on 15th September—Suzette, only daughter of Mr & Mrs A. H. Compton of Hongkong, to Eric Burn of Singapore, son of late Mr E. J. Burn and Mrs Burn of London. The bride's parents were present on the occasion.

**The Hongkong Telegraph**

Thursday, Sept. 18, 1941.

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### FUTURE PROBLEMS

THE terms of world peace when they are arrived at, will fill many books. The Sino-Japanese hostilities cover a multitude of issues apart from conquest and defeat on the field. However, it is worth while to look at some of the aspects that the arbitrators will have to consider when the Axis has been broken and its Far East segment fitted back into its proper place in the scheme of a democratic New Order.

China will expect the evacuation of all Japanese forces from the occupied areas; She will not yield Manchukuo willingly but might subscribe to autonomy there if this was established under unbiased supervision. Any "special position" held by Japan in the five northern provinces could not be of a permanent character. With sincerity on both sides and the kindly erasures of time these areas would revert fully to China. The Japanese Navy would remain a threat to Asia and Europe until a liberal government took the reins in Tokyo; and America completed her two-ocean navy. However, since Britain and America will not disarm, a balance of forces could be maintained under an armaments section of the League of Nations which must be resurrected in a nobler and more perfect form. This section would also have to supervise the numerous armed bases facing Europe from all sides.

The small states of South America have gotten along well apart from such comparatively minor frictions as the Chaco war, the present Peru-Ecuador border dispute etc., small matters that can be settled with little bloodshed and little effect on the world at large. Therefore, there is no reason why Czechoslovakia cannot be resurrected, Croatia be given autonomy, a Ukraine treated and Manchukuo become a separate and friendly state all under the auspices of a League of Nations that would not be a rabbit warren of intrigue with the Powers shirking their duties.

Apart from the ravaging thirty years war in the 17th Century history shows that Germany was happy and not more backward than its neighbours when that name covered a host of little principalities and margravates. It was when these were forged by fire and blood

# Malnutrition, Overcrowding and Epidemics Made 1940 Gloomy Year

"Health and sanitary conditions in Hongkong during 1940 continued to be influenced by the presence of several thousand refugees from war areas in China, with resulting overcrowding, high rentals, increased cost of food and fuel and noticeable under-nutrition amongst a large proportion of the population."

In these words, the Director of Medical Services prefaces the report of his Department's activities during that year.

The report, which was tabled in the Legislative Council this afternoon, continues to say that Government and certain large employers of labour increased wages for their lowest paid employees, but not in proportion to the increase in the general cost of living.

### Pellagra Epidemic

Shortage of food of satisfactory quantity and quality was reflected in the appearance during the year under review, in epidemic form for the first time in the history of the Colony, of a fatal form of pellagra. There were 953 cases reported, and 442 deaths. Deaths from beriberi, including the infantile type, rose from 3,189 in 1939 to 7,220 in 1940. Tuberculosis also took a higher toll, with 5,751 deaths during the year under review as compared with 4,443 in the previous year.

The cholera outbreak in 1940 started late, but was attended by a high mortality (66.2 per centum) and left behind an under-nourished community with a high "carrier" rate amounting to over 20 per centum in certain congested districts.

### Small-Pox Controlled

Small-pox was controlled to some extent by mass vaccination, over 2,250,000 vaccinations being performed during the year. In relation to this, the report states that it should be remembered that British river steamers alone brought to the Colony in the year over a million passengers, all of whom were vaccinated before landing if they had not been protected during the preceding three years.

Typhoid and dysentery continued to exact a heavy toll on human life. The Director of Medical Services writes that they may be expected to do so in future until the primitive methods of town conservancy are finally eliminated, and the cost of food and fuel for the masses is more in keeping with their earnings.

The approximate public health expenditure for the 12 months was as follows:

Motor ambulance service	\$2,779,009.49
Public Works Department	36,830.52
Sanitary (Urban Council)	1,568,766.84
Sanitary (Public Health Officer)	1,197,766.03
Sanitary (Public Health Officer)	1,287,155.83

### Births and Deaths

Some 45,004 births were registered in 1940, as compared with 46,073 in 1939, giving an uncorrected birth rate of 41.9.

The number of registered deaths was 61,010, a surplus of 12,727 over the corresponding figure for 1939, giving an uncorrected death rate of 41.9. Amongst the deaths, 1,883 occurred in children under one year of age, resulting in an infant mortality rate of 32.7.

The Medical Department continued to be responsible for the care of many of the refugees who, having used up all the savings they had brought, became homeless and destitute. The population of the camps administered by the Department was usually in the neighbourhood of 10,000.

Many were repatriated immediately information was obtainable that living conditions were possible in their ancestral villages. Free passages and a small ex gratia grant from Government, and clothes and rice for three days if they are crossing into Chinese territory, constituted the principal forms of assistance to those repatriated.

The Nutrition Research Committee continued to carry out useful work investigating a suitable diet within the purchasing power of the masses.

### Malnutrition

The considerable increase in the cost of living, and especially in the rice staple and firewood for cooking it, and the difficulty in securing supplies, combined with high rentals and low earnings, resulted in evidence of serious malnutrition.

The Health Division of the Medical Department was reorganised and the health inspectors worked for the first time in the history of the Colony under the direct control of the health officers instead of under lay authorities.

Progress was made in the re-organisation of Chinese hospitals, although these still remain very overcrowded and it is not uncommon to find twice, thrice or even more times the number of in-patients as there are beds, states the report.

The Mental Hospital is no longer grossly overcrowded. With the renovation of some old buildings, a further hospital of 100 beds was opened in 1940 and an extra 107 beds for women patients was also added. This was an important step, says the report, since the Japanese authorities prevented any Chinese nationals suffering from mental disease from being transferred to Canton.

A rather old and very dilapidated building with accommodation for 144 lepers was completely renovated. It suffers, though, from being constantly overcrowded as the Japanese are unwilling to allow repatriation to leper settlements in Chinese territory.

Considerable time was spent in bringing up to concert pitch the auxiliary medical services, such as first aid posts, casualty clearing hospitals, etc., for which doctors, sisters, nurses, etc. were trained so as to be available in the event of hostilities breaking out locally.

The report states that one of the major difficulties encountered concerned the recruiting of auxiliaries, and this was accentuated in relation to nurses (of whom there was a very real shortage) due, among other things, to the compulsory vaccination. The Anti-Tuberculosis Association was inaugurated during the year, and within a short time justified its existence. It was responsible for starting anti-T.B. clinics and for educational propaganda by film, broadcast and other channels.

The Immigration Ordinance is expected to have a profound effect on public health and the ultimate reduction of gross overcrowding and deficiency in the social services of this colony, says the report.

### Labour Conditions

Realisation that the care of labour is of economic as well as social importance led to an increased interest in the housing and general welfare of their employees by the larger and more reputable concerns operating in Hongkong. But, generally speaking, the report continues, labour conditions are unsatisfactory. Labour regulations have not been introduced, but the immigration control measures may result in a stiffening of the labour market to the advantage of the labourer.

With his appointment as lecturer in public health, the Deputy Director of Health Services assumed full responsibility for the teaching of hygiene at the Hongkong University. Recommendations to the University authorities for the institution of a post-graduate course for a diploma in "Public Health" or, failing that, a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, were sympathetically received.

It is stated that it is hoped to start these courses during September 1941. These courses would give local medical graduates an opportunity of qualifying for admission to the health services of the Colony.

## Drifted To Cheung Chau

### River Boat Aground

It is reported that a river boat owned by the West River Transportation and Trading Co., Ltd. which was moored in Cheung Sha Wan, Shamshui, dragged her anchor shortly after 10 a.m. during the typhoon on Tuesday, and drifted to Cheung Chau Island, where she was grounded.

The crew of ten are reported to be safe, and it is learned that the vessel suffered some damage. Efforts are being made to have her refloated.

### Grounded At Lantau

It is also reliably understood that a river boat which was in distress during the typhoon finally beached at the eastern end of Lantau. She was found to be deserted, the crew apparently having left the ship after she had grounded. There were also indications that she had been looted.

### Sunken Junk

A sunken junk with its side above water has been reported approximately 100 feet in a easterly direction from the end of the breakwater at the entrance to Cheung Sha Wan. It is considered dangerous to navigation.

## Chiang Says Recovery Of Manchuria Is China's Goal

CHUNGKING, Sept. 18 (Central News).—Stressing the fact that the recovery of the Northeastern Provinces is the ultimate goal of China's war against Japan, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek reaffirmed the Government's determination to continue the war, regardless of sacrifices, until the territorial integrity of the whole of China is restored, in a message commemorating the tenth anniversary of Japanese invasion of Manchuria.

It should be known to all that the lives of Chinese inside the Great Wall and the lives of Chinese in the Northeastern Provinces are one, and that territorial integrity for China Proper and the territorial integrity for the Northeast is indivisible. "China will permit no inch of territory in the Northeast to be detached from her. Survive, we survive together; and die we die together."

The huge sacrifices China has undergone in the last ten years of struggle, asserted the Generalissimo, have been made willingly because of one objective, namely the liberation and independence of the Chinese nation and the freedom of the people to live their own lives.

Geographically and strategically, added the Generalissimo, the Northeast is an integral part of China. He pointed out that the Northeast is the home of 30,000,000 fine Chinese people and has 240,000,000 mow of farmland, 200,000,000 mow of land that has not yet been cultivated, 600,000,000 mow of forests, 8,000,000,000 tons of minerals. In other words, the Northeastern Provinces are China's richest storehouse, indispensable to China's immense programme of reconstruction.

Not only China's independence, but also the future stability in the Far East, said the Generalissimo, hinges on the settlement of the Manchurian problem, because so long as the Northeast remains in Japanese hands so long will China's war continue.

## British Planes In Action In Russia

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. Wing now in Russia under the strategic command of Russian Headquarters has already been in contact with the Germans, it is learned here. Of 100 British machines sent, a large number have already arrived.

## DUKE OF KENT TELLS OF CANADIAN VISIT

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Duke of Kent has returned from his five-weeks' tour of Canada, amazed at the growth of the Empire Air Training plan. In the course of his visit, he covered about 15,000 miles by air.

Broadcasting his impressions of the air training plan to-night, the Duke said: "I do not think the people in this country have any idea of the magnitude of the plan nor of the very rapid expansion which has taken place."

"Two years ago it was a plan; to-day, it is a vital war industry which combines the advantages of mass production with the most skilful selection and individual training. Training aerodromes are being built everywhere. Airmen are now passing out from the schools not in ones and twos but literally in thousands."

They came from all parts of the Empire and there was "an encouraging and growing number of young men from the United States and from South America. This is a great partnership," he continued. "We are all contributing to it in our own ways, but it is Canada who is responsible for the administration of the plan and Canada can therefore

## Lamotte Picquet Repairs

SAIGON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—Formally denying reports emanating from Chungking, the Governor-General declared to-day that the voyage of the cruiser Lamotte Picquet to Japan was not connected with the Franco-Japanese agreement.

The cruiser left Saigon recently for Oosaka for repairs and dry-docking as facilities are lacking in Indo-China.

The Lamotte Picquet is the major French warship in the Far East and played a decisive part in the main naval engagement in the Thai-Indo-China war.

## Legionaries Want Radical Action

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The American Legion, which is composed of veterans of the last World War and is one of the most influential organisations in the United States, passed a resolution to-day proposing the removal of geographical limitations on the use of American troops.

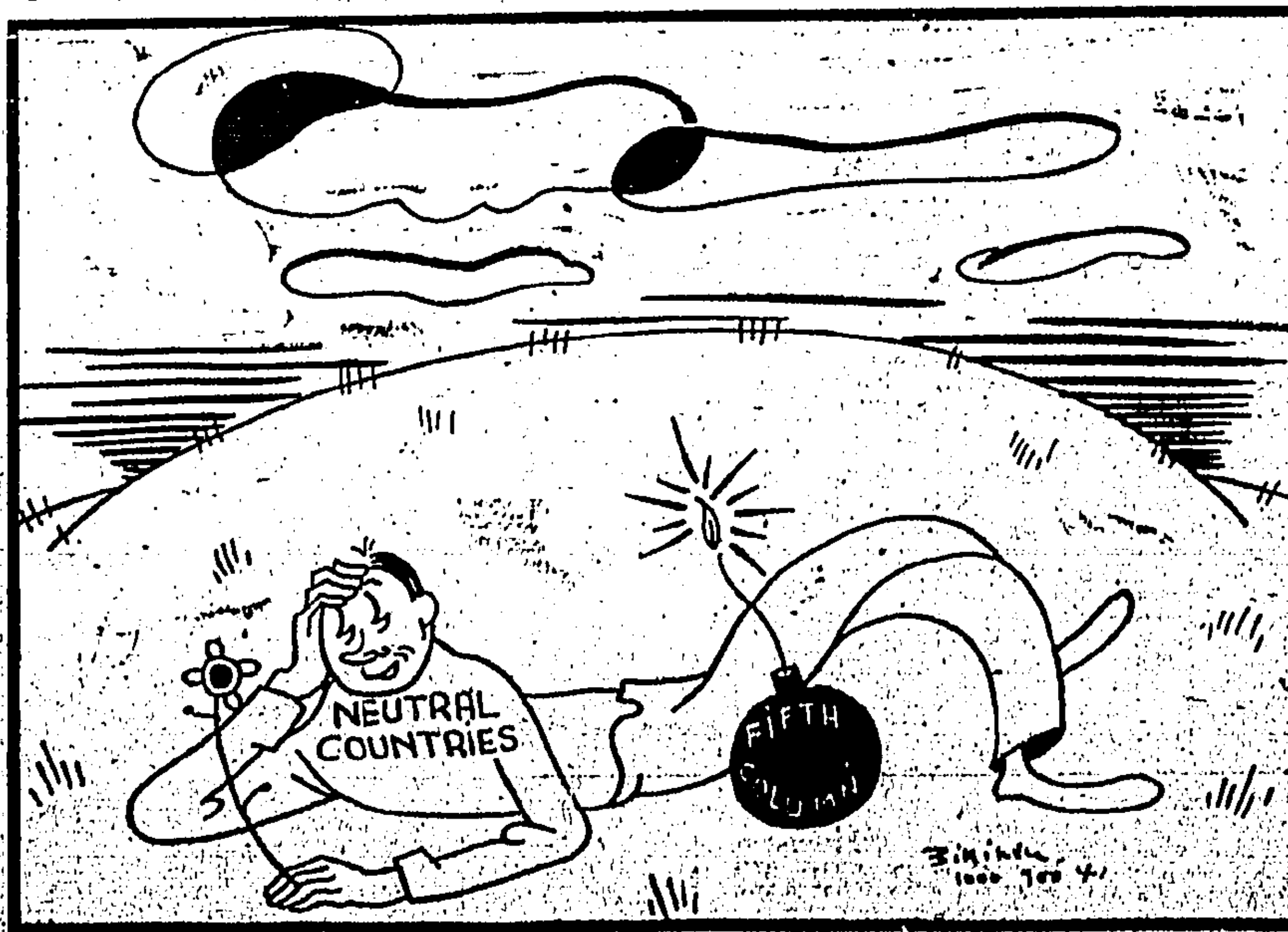
The resolution also demanded the defeat of Hitler and all he stands for, and favoured repeal of the American Neutrality Act.

The resolution was greeted with shouts of approval and was carried orally.

### Industries At Work

The Duke said he had seen Canada's busy factories and shipyards, her naval establishments on both the Pacific and Atlantic, and her great military camps. "The magnificent spirit and resolution of the whole Canadian people has impressed me deeply," he declared. "It may be because I have been in the new world for the past few weeks that I am able to separate my thoughts at least from the tragic events of the present and look forward to the day when the whole world will once more be pursuing the paths of peace."

"I believe that out of this conflict there is surely being born a friendship and union of those people who cherish freedom for freedom's sake, not only preserving the hard-won privileges of liberty but of re-dedicating these simple fundamentals of life, honesty and fair dealing between men and nations upon which any new and better order must be founded."

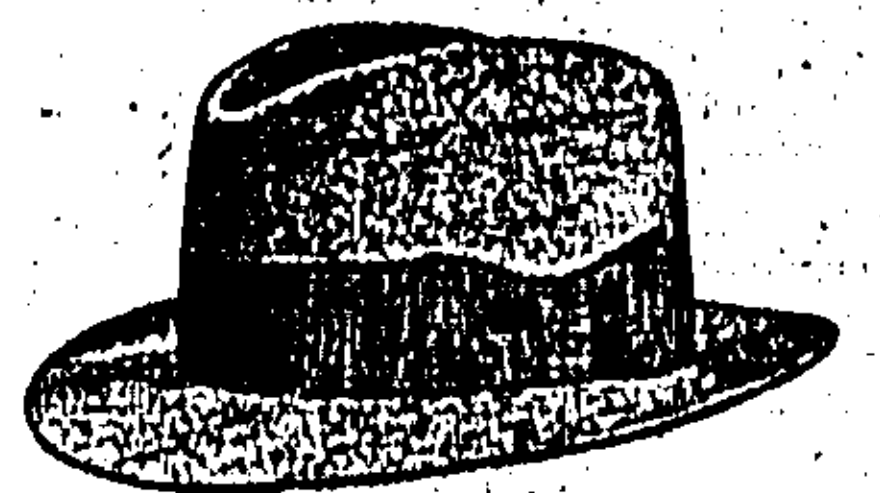


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"Six months and two weeks, Sir."  
"And are you going to stick to it?"  
"Oh yes, Sir. I want to go into reception, then have a year in New York, and another in London."  
"And then come back and manage an hotel?"  
"Oh no, Sir. A chain of hotels."

"I see. Well, my lad, if you want to succeed in life, just take a hint from me. When a guest asks for a Gimlet make sure that he gets what he asks for. Rose's Lime Juice is the pure juice of the lime. This ersatz concoction is nothing of the sort."  
"I'm terribly sorry, Sir. Owing to some oversight on the part of the management..."  
"Boy, remember George Washington. Now get the some Rose's Lime Juice, and don't come back till you've got it. And here's a florin for your trouble."

## MAFOO'S DEATH LEAP

A Hongkong Jockey Club Stables mafoos leapt to his death from the window of the mafoos' quarters this morning. He suffered multiple injuries and died before an ambulance could be summoned.  
The man was Chu Ling, 30, and his death leap was made from the second floor of the servants' quarters at the Jockey Club Stables in Shan Kwoong Road, Happy Valley. Chu was in charge of Clowner, a 1937 Subscription Griffin, which, up to the end of 1940 had won \$2,000 in stakes. Clowner is owned by Mr. J. L. Fielden.



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## Mr. Bishop Testifies

The Chairman: I understand you have brought along documents in connection with the Kin Lee contractors?

Mr. Bishop: Yes, the morning reports.

Covering what period?—May and June, but unfortunately one is missing in the month of June. It may be mislaid in the office.

What happens when these morning reports go missing?—I cannot say. They would go to Mr. Campbell and I presume he used them to check up on the work done. The morning reports give particulars of the number of men engaged on each tunnel face, the number of timbermen for each shift, day and night shift, the progress made in the driving of tunnels, the number of holes drilled, the amount of gelignite used and the number of detonators used.

Do you know who made them out?—They are signed by Cheng Chung, foreman of works.

You don't know if he is a P.W.D. foreman?—I don't know.

On that you say Mr. Campbell eventually O.K'd the work done?—He would use it to assist him in checking Kin Lee's accounts.

## Removal Of Muck

I take it he was solely responsible for the supervision of the Kowloon tunnels?—Yes, he was in complete charge.

Are there any among those documents which you would call daily reports with regard to the removal of muck from the tunnels?—No, all the morning reports are the same, detailing progress made in the driving of tunnels, the number of men employed, etc.

So far as you know, there is nothing in these morning reports dealing with the removal of muck from the tunnels?—No.

You are not in a position to tell us how Mr. Campbell can check or O.K. bills for transport of muck from tunnels?—I thought he had an agreement that they were paid so much per lineal foot.

## Check Of Total Advance

He has, but you are not in a position to say how they were following the agreement and were paid according to the amount removed?—He should be able to check the total advance of tunnel and from that know so much feet and so much per foot had been removed. He would know the person removing the spoil would be entitled to so much money.

You don't know who Cheng Chung is?—No.

Do you know whose initials are at the bottom of the corner of these reports?—I don't know.

Chan Lo, employed by Kin Lee, was recalled.

The Chairman: You make out the pay-slips for the workmen?

Chan Lo: Pay according to the bills produced. I have some of the slips here. (Produced).

Are they signed by anybody?—No.

The position then is that when a workman completes his day's work, he is given one of these slips?—Yes.

He gives him the slip?—A man I don't know.

Is he a Kin Lee man or a Government man?—A Kin Lee man.

On these slips you pay the workmen?—Yes.

You pay every day, or twice a month?—Every day.

You rely on the unknown man to issue the slips to pay out money?—Yes.

So I am correct in what I said yesterday that if the unknown man is a dishonest man he pays out money which he has no business to do?—That is so.

## Fictitious Persons

In other words, let us suppose that Mr. Kwong Wing wants to make a few hundred dollars. It is very easy for him to get the unknown man to issue slips in the name of a fictitious person and for money to be paid out to a fictitious man?—That is so.

You made no enquiry as to whether the work has been performed by the man who presents the slip?—No, pay on production of the slip chopped with a rubber stamp.

## No Identification

So Kwong Wing, if he wanted to, can rob Government of hundreds of dollars by making out fictitious slips of paper?—I don't know about that.

I am making this statement because you told us that when you pay out workmen there is nobody present to identify them?—I have no power to make such an investigation.

There is no one there to identify these workmen, am I right?—There is none.

George Tsang then resumed his seat and was further questioned.

the Government paid the money—I only know of them now.

## Never Saw Bills

Is it correct to say that you never saw any of these bills?—That is so.

And you only saw the daily reports sent in by the foreman?—Yes.

And which I accepted without going to see whether they were telling the truth or not?—I did check the foreman's reports by measuring the work myself. I did this once or twice a week.

And having satisfied yourself that the reports were correct you sent them to Mr. Campbell, and the bills were O.K'd by somebody else in the P.W.D. is that right?—I can't say. I know nothing about bills sent in by sub-contractors.

## Fortune Paid Out

Am I correct in saying that as a result of these questions answers the position is: You at \$2.50 a day were the man through whom the Government had been paying thousands and thousands of dollars?—Since I was instructed to do the work in that manner, I carried on.

Yes. I am I correct in that statement?—Yes.

\$800,000 has up to date been spent by the Government of Hongkong on the Kowloon tunnels?—Yes, I learned that from the newspapers.

And a foreman earning \$2.50 a day was the man through whom the Government had accepted responsibility for this huge expenditure?—I don't know. I am not the only man who is doing this work. There are also F. T. Chang, and other foremen.

Who does Chung get a day?—\$80 a month.

A princely salary. And through you, him and the other foremen, the Government has been paying \$800,000?—Yes.

## Mr. Campbell Overworked

And no European Engineer in the P.W.D. has ever bothered to check off the work done in these tunnels, relying simply and solely on the Chinese foremen. Is that right?—Mr. Campbell and Mr. Buchanan were also responsible.

Mr. Campbell has already told us that he was over-worked, that he had far too much to do and could not possibly check all the work and had to rely on you?—Yes.

And he accepted everything you told him as being correct?—He got his own brains.

And so did Mr. Buchanan. Likewise, he could think matters over.

## Acted On Instructions

Never mind what they could have done. We still come back to this position: \$800,000 had been spent by the Government of Hongkong on the tunnels, and the Chinese foremen, English engineers and everything in all right?—We were merely acting on instructions.

Where do you live?—Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

How much do you pay per day?—I have my food at home about 1 sleep every night at this place.

Have you ever owned a motor car in your life?—Never. I was surprised and I laughed when I read about it in the newspapers.

## Sub-Contractor's Car

You have never driven any private motor car?—I have been driving several private cars.

When was the last time you drove a private car?—Car No. 599 which belongs to the tunnel works.

You drove that? What do you use it for?—I must explain. We have five sites to look after. If I wanted to go to the Government of Hongkong, I would make use of the car.

You are supplied with a car to travel between the sites?—This car belongs to Li Man-shing, a sub-contractor.

He is a sub-contractor employed by Kin Lee?—Yes.

It provides the labour for the work?—That I don't know.

What does he do?—Tunnel lining.

You have been driving about in that car, haven't you?—No.

You have never been in car No. 599 in your life?—I have.

When in a hurry?

To visit the jobs?—Not to go around all the sites but from one to another when in a hurry.

How did you get the car? Did you ask the sub-contractor to send it to you?—When I found the car outside the office, I asked permission from the person in the car to drive it to a site.

I asked the driver.

You got permission and he drove you out?—No, I drove.

were in charge?—How many I don't know but this one never passed through my hands.

Do you know why it did not pass through your hands?—I don't know. I have O.K'd some type-written documents but never bills made out in Chinese.

The position is this then: As far as that amount is concerned (\$3,889), although you were detailed by Mr. Campbell to check the footage of muck removed, that amount has been paid by the Government without you O.K'ing that account?—I have never seen this voucher before.

Whatever vouchers were O.K'd by me they always came in foolscap and type-written.

## Summary Of Accounts

What kind of documents are you referring to?—Namely, site 2, tunneling work, removal of surplus so much, jack hammering.

What was the letter-head of the typewritten document?—There was no letter-head, simply the words "A.R.P. tunnels" typed on top.

What you are referring to is a sort of summary of accounts which goes to the Treasury for payment?—Yes, I only O.K'd these.

Would I be correct in saying that so far as you are concerned, you are not in a position to say whether this sum of money had been properly earned by the Kwong Wing Company or not?—I can't say.

And I am going to tell you another thing. There are several vouchers connected with the transport of muck by the Kwong Wing Co. which have not been O.K'd by you although it was your duty to do so. It is impossible for me to O.K. them since they did not pass through my hands.

## Blind To Rob Gout

I am making a statement of facts. The net result is the suggestion to you that this transport Company was formed purely as a blind to rob the Government by over-charging the Government and that they did so, aided and abetted by you and other Government officials. Is that so?—That is not so.

Is this one of the typewritten documents that you referred to?—No. It is not a summary like this. The ones that I saw had only one item on each page.

Would it be this one then?—No.

In any case whatever the documents were, the information contained in them must have been obtained by you from the vouchers.

Is that right?—No. I O.K'd the typewritten documents by checking with the reports made by the three foremen, not checking them with the vouchers.

## Documents Examined

What were these documents which you examined and O.K'd?—They were all typewritten.

Were they bills from sub-contractors?—No, we typed them out ourselves.

What did you type out?—Information from the detailed reports made by the foremen.

Can you show us any of these daily reports?—From these documents?—There is not one here. The daily reports made out by the foremen were sent to Mr. Campbell every day.

For the transportation of muck?—Transport of muck and tunnel driving.

And daily labour also?—No. Daily labour is entered in the book in the office.

And you got these daily reports from the foreman and on that you made out these type-written documents?—Yes.

## Sent To Mr. Campbell

Where are these type-written documents?—They have all been sent to Mr. Campbell.

Are they in the possession of the P.W.D.?—Yes.

Have you got any in these last two weeks?—Yes, even to-day.

Who did you send them to?—Mr. Campbell.

No, he is in hospital. We always sent him to the Hongkong office by messenger.

To whom did you send?—Even now they were addressed to Mr. Campbell, whether or not he received them.

At what office?—Waterworks office.

When did you send the last one?—This morning.

You remember what it was about?—Site 2, tunnel Nos. 2, 3, 6, 8.

And that included the bill for transport of muck?—No, it doesn't. Only at the end of the month when the removal of muck is totalled up.

## No Checking Up

Not having checked up at all before?—In what way?

You rely on the foremen reporting to you, do you?—Yes.

surement so many feet of tunnel had been done during the month.

## Measurement Only

Who checks off the actual loads that were taken?—We care nothing about the number of loads. We only go by measurement.

Who checks off the lineal footage removed?—The three foremen I mentioned take turns so that each will take measurements when his turn comes.

So you relied on what your foremen told you as to the footage removed from the tunnels?—I base my figures on their reports.

If they made a mistake, you would not know anything about it?—That is so.

They might purposely mislead you as to the actual footage removed?—No. There is a final measurement of the tunnels so that we can check whether the measurements are correct.

According to the system you adopted, you were not in a position to when you O.K'd these charges for transport whether the correct amount of footage of muck was removed?—Naturally, if they made a mistake, I would make a mistake too, for I cannot do all the work.

## Three Foremen

These three foremen you mentioned, are they employed by the P.W.D.?—They are.

Do you know what they get per day?—Two of them are drawing the same pay as mine—\$2.50 a day and the other \$2.

Will you let us know the names of these gentlemen?—Lin Lin-shing, Lo Huk-pui and Cheng Tong. There is also one other foreman by the name of Lo Dain.

Do you know which transport firm was transporting this muck from the tunnels?—The Kwong Wing Company.

Any other company?—I know of no other.

Do you know that the Kwong Wing Company got \$20,000 in five months from Kin Lee for transporting muck?—I learned that from the newspapers.

## Paid On Certificate

And this money was paid on your certificate that the work had been performed?—Is that correct?—How much did Kin Lee pay this Company?—I don't know.

Whatever Kin Lee paid to the Kwong Wing Company was paid on your certificate that the work had been duly performed. Is that correct?—Yes.

And that I take it, was countersigned or initialed by Mr. Campbell?—Yes.

Mr. Campbell himself took no steps to check off the footage which had been removed, did he?—I don't know.

Well, so far as you know, Mr. Campbell took your certificate that the work had been performed and you in your turn relied on these three or four foremen?—I could calculate the work according to the plan of the tunnel.

Transport Vouchers

Do you know—whether any vouchers for transport had been paid by the Government without having been O.K'd by you?—I don't know.

Witness was then shown a certain document which he said he had never seen before.

Whose initials are on this bill?—Mr. Campbell's. Mr. Buchanan's, those of Mr. Kwong, who looked after the sub-contractors for Kin Lee, and those of Kwong Wing, No. 1 supervisor of Kin Lee.

Will you agree that this particular voucher has not been O.K'd by any foreman at all?—That is so.

Why?—I don't know.

Do Mr. Buchanan and measure up the footage of muck removed from the tunnels?—I don't know.

## Relied On Office

I can tell you that he doesn't. He has relied on the office all the time. I don't know.

And I can also tell you that Mr. Campbell never did that too. So we got left with this position. Kwong Wing of Kin Lee and some other employee of that firm have O.K'd the voucher and these two Government officials have counter-initialed it. It is their business, not mine.

The sum involved is \$1,465.85 and it is for the removal of surplus surface from site 2. That is correct.

And the money was paid to the Kwong Wing Company, a company which, from the evidence we have heard, is supposed to be owned by the wife of Kwong Wing?—I read that in the newspapers also.

And whose office consisted of a small space in a cockpit?—Yes.

## Cannot Explain

Now then, if you and those other Government foremen were supposed to be checking this surplus footage removed, why was the bill not O.K'd by anyone of you?—I don't know.

Why?—My initials were not there because the voucher did not pass through my hands.

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Did she not tell you where she had got the money from?—No.

On August 9, you deposited \$200?—Yes. This was also her money. All the money in this account is hers.

## Withdrawals

On November 1, you deposited \$200. Then you started withdrawing your account. On November 19, you withdrew \$200. What was that for?—I withdrew the money at my sister's request. She wanted the money to prepare for her marriage.

On February 17, 1939, you had withdrawn all the money your sister had given you to deposit except for \$77.437?—That might have been so. I don't remember.

I am telling you it is so. If she did not get married until last year, why did she withdraw this money?—That is her business. I don't know her private life.

What did you do with the balance of \$77.437?—I returned it to my sister. Have you got a bank account now?

No.

You are quite sure?—Yes.

What are you doing at the present moment?—Part of the time I act as a foreman and the remainder of the time I look after the accounts in the office.

What office?—The A.R.P. tunnel office at Hunghom. It is a Government office.

A Government office?—I don't know but I was when it was put up. Isn't that Kin Lee's office?—I cannot say.

Who told you to go there?—Mr. Campbell.

Did he tell you it was a Government office?—He did not.

You think it is a Government office?—I thought it was.

## Work Described

Will you tell the Commissioners what you do in that office?—In the mornings I go out and inspect the work at the tunnels and in the afternoons I return to the office. I have several assistants there and I look into the accounts to see if they have been doing their work.

What accounts?—Accounts connected with the daily paid workmen and stores we receive.

Do you check off these daily paid workmen?—The workmen work in three shifts and there are three foremen. The shifts are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., from 4 p.m. to 12 midnight, and from 12 midnight to 8 a.m. I am the No. 1 foreman and am in charge of the other three foremen. I check their reports.

What else do you do?—For each shift, a book is kept by a foreman, and for each site there is a separate book which is divided into contract labour and daily paid labour. In this book also are entered the number of the site and in each site there may be ten to twenty tunnels.

You go daily to check this work?—Yes.

What time do you arrive at the sites each morning?—At 8 a.m.

Always?—Sometimes I am a little late, but by no more than 10 minutes.

## Issues Explosives

Do you have anything to do with the issuing of explosive for blasting?—Yes.

Who do you issue the explosive to?—The sub-contractors.

They used to ask you for certain amount of explosives, did they not?—No, we have a blasting foreman who looks after that.

Do you issue explosives to him?—No, the blasting foreman gauges the amount of explosives that would be used and would enter that on a piece of paper. This would be brought to us and having examined this, we would issue to the foreman.

The sub-contractors have made a statement that they could not get explosives from you unless they gave you cash. Is that correct?—That is not true. No such thing happened.

Having examined the workmen on the site, do you O.K. the pay-sheets sent in by the sub-contractors?—No, it is not my business to do that.

What did that F. T. Cheng, who is employed by Kin Lee?—No, he is a Government servant employed by the P.W.D.

He used to O.K. the pay sheets?—Yes.



# "WICK'S" BOWLS NOTES

## Junior League Competition Still Keen

Kowloon Tong Challenges  
Kowloon F. C. Again

Need For Umpires At  
Championship Matches

APART from the championship of the First Division—already won by Craigengower C.C.—interest in the League still runs high, and the results of the matches played on Saturday last have made competition even keener.

In the First Division, for instance, several teams are struggling to avoid relegation. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B," one of the teams in danger, obtained four valuable points at the expense of the Indians at Austin Road and, as the Civil Service C.C. were beaten 5-0 by K.B.G.C. "A," the K.B.G.C. "B" are now two and a half points ahead of the Civil Servants.

In the Second Division, Kowloon Football Club, favourites for the championship, were beaten 5-0 by Craigengower C.C. at Happy Valley, and Kowloon Tong got over their bad spell by scoring a clean-sweep win over Hongkong C.C. at Kowloon Tong.

The K.F.C. are still three points ahead of Kowloon Tong, each team having two more matches to play. In the Third Division, Police R.C. consolidated their position by taking five points from Hongkong C.C. at Chater Road.

They need only four more points from their last two matches to be certain of the title, and they are very likely to get them too.

THE most exciting match of the day was that at Austin Road where Kowloon B.G.C. "B" defeated the Indians by one shot and by four points to one, being up on two rinks. The peculiar thing about the result, from the Indians' point of view, was that they had on paper two strong rinks—Abbas' and Minu's—and one scratch side, led by D. M. Khan.

They expected Abbas and Minu to win by a margin sufficient to cover Khan should the last-named go down.

But both Abbas and Minu were beaten and it was left to Khan to score the Indians' solitary point! Abbas' open rink were beaten by Len Sykes' quartette by two shots after a very good game. Several heads were changed in an interesting manner in this encounter, but Sykes and his men were a little more consistent than their opponents and deserved their win.

Sykes himself was deadly accurate in his draws to the Jack and throughout the afternoon seldom sent down a bad wood. On the 20th head, when he was leading 20-10, Sykes found a lie of five against him when his turn came to bowl. But he sprang the Jack for one with his very first wood—a very fine effort.

On the other rinks, Jack McKelvie, ably supported by John Gill at No. 3, proved a little too good for A. K. Minu and won by nine shots; while D. M. Khan, making his debut as

skip, was ten shots to the good against Joe Meyer.

THE champions, visiting their neighbours, Police R.C., left with four points. U. M. Omar's 100 per cent record remained intact as he beat Jack Fender's four by 15 shots. "U.M." himself was once again in great form.

The lone Police point was obtained by Jim Shepherd's rink against C. S. Rossetti, who was playing with a scratch four. And taking this into consideration, it was a good performance on Rossetti's part to hold Shepherd to only four shots.

In the absence of B. W. Bradbury, J. S. Landolt piloted Craigengower's third rink and won by three shots against Bill Hollands, whose first defeat in three games it was.

KOWLOON DOCKS, who were at one time one of the teams in danger of relegation, have done well lately. Last week they continued this good work by trouncing Recreation "B" by five points to nil at Hung Hom, and are now well out of danger.

KOWLOON TONG must be kicking themselves for having that bad run several weeks ago when they could do nothing right. With each team having two matches to play, Kowloon Tong now find themselves three points behind Kowloon F.C. But their opportunity will come on September 27 when they meet the Footballers.

They will have to be in good form, however, if they want to win as the match will be decided at Chatham Road.

IN the Third Division, the Police took no chances with the Hongkong C.C. and rubbed it in to the tune of 28 shots, and five points to nil. I, for one, do not blame them as they cannot afford to drop any points at this stage.

With the Police doing so well, I am afraid that Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Indians, who have been at the head of the League Table for so long, must now see their dream fade away.

WHEN the draw in the semi-final round of the Colony

### Football

COMBINED CHINESE  
V. REST OF COLONY  
ON OCTOBER 10

To Aid Relief Fund

TWO CHARITY MATCHES in aid of the British Fund for the Relief of Distress in China were arranged at a meeting of the H.K.F.A. League Management Committee last night, these games to be played on the Caroline Hill Stadium on October 10.

In the curtain-raiser, the Chinese Pressmen who are players in the Junior Divisions (2nd and 3rd) will meet the Rest of those two Sections, the second game being the Combined Chinese against the Rest of the Colony.

The times for kick-off are 3 p.m. and 4.45 p.m., admission being \$1.20, 60 cents and 40 cents.

Record Entries  
For Kowloon Chess  
Club Tournaments

The annual general meeting of the Kowloon Chess Club will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, September 25, at 8 p.m. to receive and consider the Committee's report and statement of accounts, to elect officers for the season 1941/42, and to elect two representatives for the season 1941/42 on the Colony Chess Championship Committee.

The Club report discloses that in the Colony Open Championship, six competitors entered, five being members of the Club, and one from the Victoria Chess Club. Karpovich emerged winner without being beaten. The Junior Championship, which was established for the first time this year, there were 13 entrants, with To Yu-lau emerging champion.

Record Entries  
There was a record number of entries in both the senior and junior club tournaments. Joint winners of the senior tournament were D. E. de Carvalho and C. M. Sequeira, with A. C. Poupard winning the junior championship.

It is proposed to publish a Chess magazine in the near future, with Mr. K. Weiss as editor, and it is hoped that members will support this undertaking as the profits from the magazine will be donated to the British War Organisation Fund.

Last Batch Of  
Australian Ponies

Although they had a very rough trip up from Australia, the third and final batch of Australian ponies comprising 20 Subscription Griffins and four Griffins, arrived in the Colony safely yesterday. They were all shipped to the Colony on deck.

Major F. Hogg, of the Hongkong Jockey Club, who travelled with the same ship as the ponies, said that despite the severe buffeting, the animals all arrived in excellent condition.

Total of 96

This brings the total of Subscription Griffins to 96, seventy having arrived previously.

A notice has been posted to all members of the Hongkong Jockey Club inviting them to subscribe for these ponies to be drawn for at the end of the month. They will be raced in the 1942 season.

However, it was noted that in none of the breaststroke events is the "butterfly" stroke permitted, it not being recognised by either the Army rules or those of the Volunteers.

The programme is:  
1. Corps Championship, 4 x two lengths freestyle relay.  
2. Invitation event, One Length open to the Police Forces.  
3. Inter-Services Diving.  
4. Corps Championship, Nursing Detachment, One Length.  
5. Inter-Services, 4 x 100 yards freestyle relay.  
6. Invitation event, One length freestyle open to A.R.P. members.  
7. Water-polo, H.K.V.D.C. v. Combined Services.  
8. Inter-Services relay, 4 x one length freestyle relay.  
9. Nursing Detachment v. A.R.P. v. Auxiliary Nursing Service.  
10. Inter-Services, 4 x one length freestyle relay.  
11. Corps Championship, 100 yards Medley relay.  
12. Corps Championship, Diving.  
13. Invitation relay, One length freestyle open to A.R.P. members.  
14. Inter-Services 3 x one length medley relay.  
15. Corps Championship, 4 x one length freestyle relay.

Corps Selections  
Corps representatives will be:  
4 x one length freestyle relay—F. W. Hallion (Artillery), R. Goldman (No. 3 Coy), E. A. Roberts (No. 3 Coy), J. M. Gosano (Portuguese Corps), D. Hutchinson (Portuguese Corps), and D. B. Wilson (Small Units).  
4 x 100 yards freestyle relay—W. G. Leary (Artillery), R. Goldman (No. 3 Coy), N. Hammond (Mobile Col.), and A. da Rosa (Small Units).  
Medley relay—D. Booker and G. Ainslie (Mobile Col.).  
One length medley relay—A. K. Rummah (Small Units), Luis M. Remedios (Portuguese Corps), and D. Lyon (Artillery).

Corps Championship Teams  
The following are tentative selections for the Corps Championship teams:  
DIVING  
Mobile Column—G. Ainslie and N. D. Booker.  
Portuguese Corps—Clara Rosario and Luis M. Remedios.  
Small Units—R. Goldman and A. Zimmern.  
Small Units—A. A. Noronha and C. L. Sargent.  
Corps Artillery—F. W. Hallion and R. Goldman.  
SIX-MEN RELAY (One Length Each)  
Mobile Column—F. W. Hallion, D.



WITHOUT AN UMPIRE... this is what happens, and it took quite some time. L. Sykes, on his knees with the tapo measuring with B. W. Bradbury, A. M. Omar and R. Duncan watching tensely.—Ming Yuen.

## Volunteer Team Chosen For Inter-Services Gala

Changes In Artillery Line-up

TOGETHER with the announcement of the Corps swimming team, changes in the Corps Artillery selections are notified for the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps aquatic championships and the Inter-Services gala to be held at the Army pool on Saturday commencing at 9 p.m.

The Corps selections present a very even front and is very representative. Only one man takes part in two events, that being E. A. Roberts, of No. 3 Company, who is swimming in both the 3 x one-length relay and the 4 x 100 yards free-style relay.

The majority of the swimmers, however, have to keep an eye on the Corps Championship events, and taking part in too many events might jeopardise the chances of their respective units.

The programme is an attractive one and is in aid of the British War Organisation Fund. One of the outstanding features of the programme is the fact that the gala will enter to all those services of Naval, Military and Civilian nature, which are connected with the Colony's War Effort, for in addition to the four Volunteer and four Inter-Services events, there are also the Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C., A.N.S., the A.R.P. Police and Auxiliary Fire Service.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, has intimated that he will be present at the Senior Naval Officer, Commodore A. C. Collinson, R.N., will also attend.

The Corps medley relay team is, perhaps, the most formidable of the lot, being comprised of A. K. Rummah (back-stroke champion), Luis M. Remedios (breast-stroke) and D. B. Wilson (freestyle). This team, with the exception of Lyon, but who is also of the V.R.C., is the regular V.R.C. medley relay team that has done so well this season.

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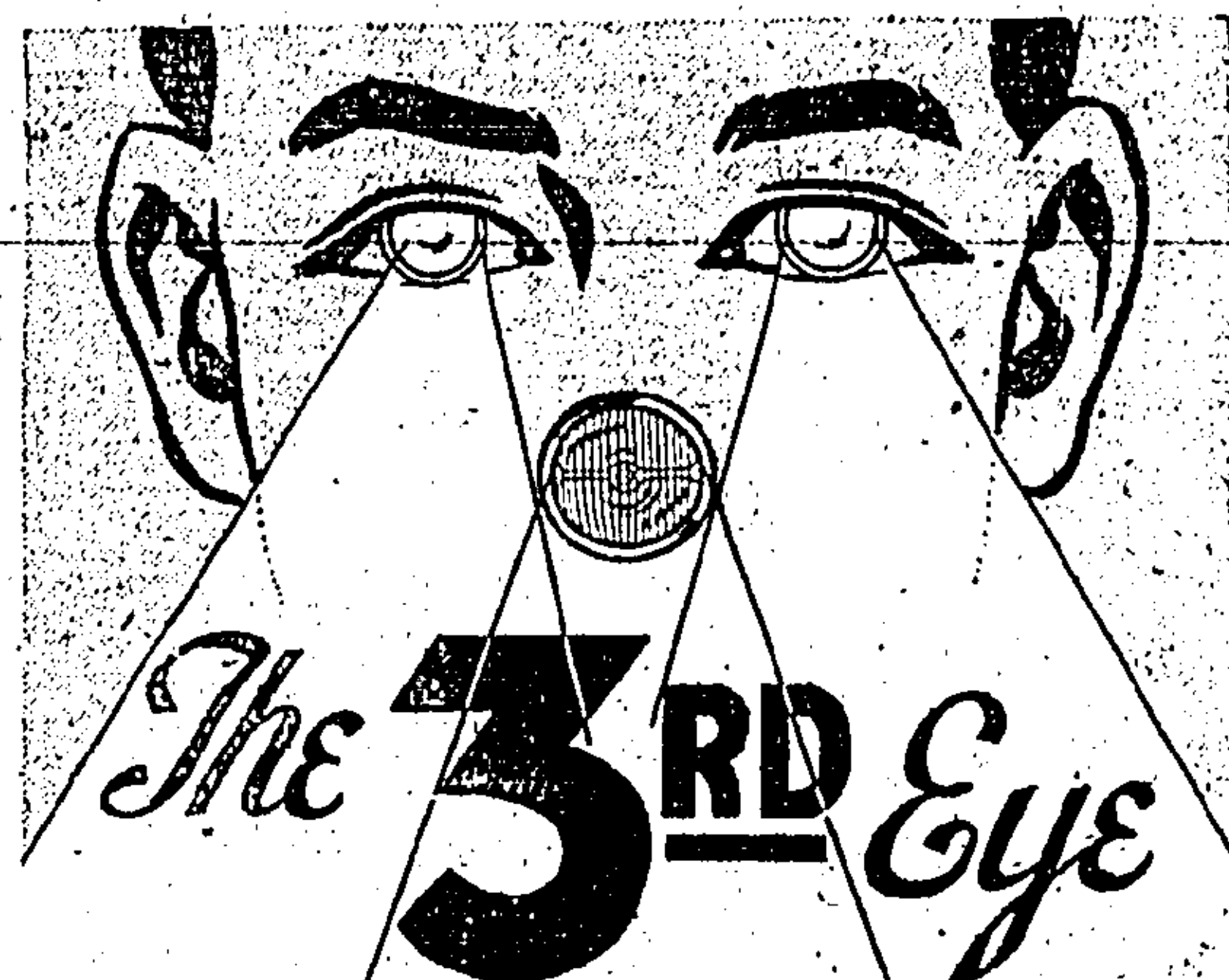
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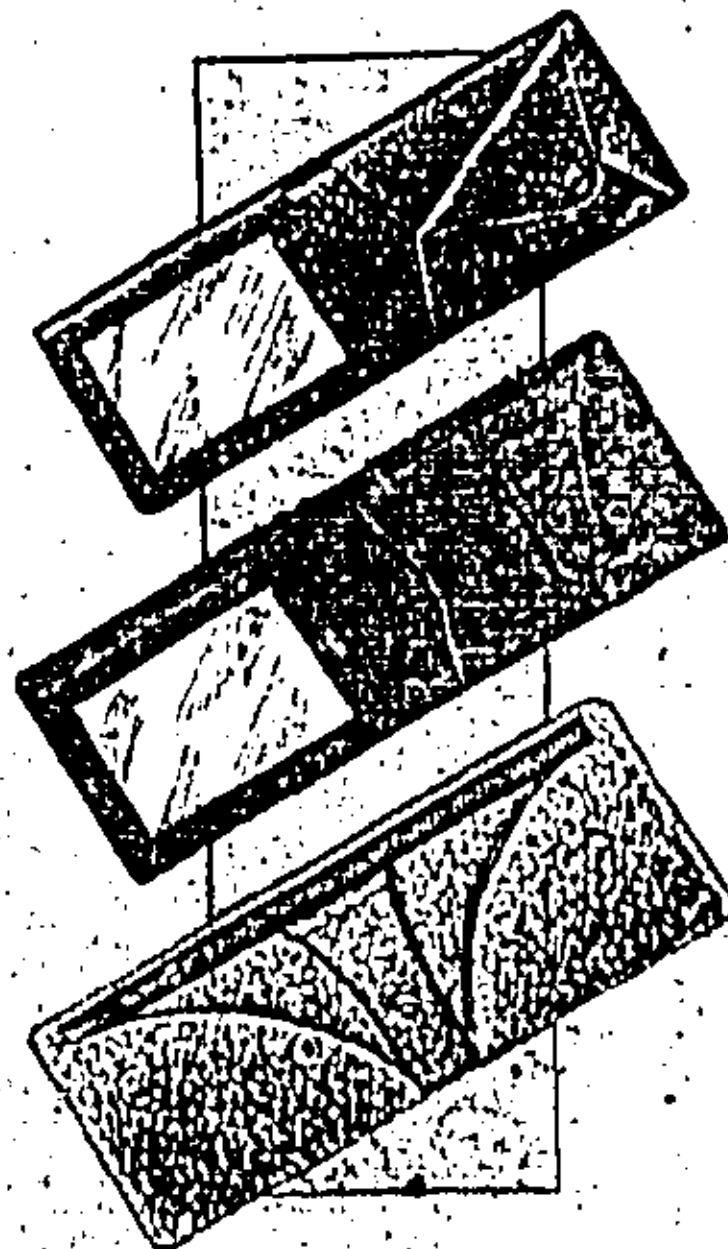
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## Murder Charge Sequel To Gambling Fight

Trouble between two newspaper hawkers after one of them had risen from gambling with others, ended with serious consequences and this morning, the circumstances of the dispute was related to His Honour the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, when Wan Wing-hing, 21, was charged with the murder of Yu Sik-lau.

Both men were newspaper hawkers and the murder was alleged to have occurred in Connaught Road, Central, on June 25.

Mr E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Inspector L. R. Whan, Mr H. Lee, instructed by Mr H. N. Chiu, acted for Accused.

Members of the Jury were Messrs George Edward Terry (Foreman), Henrique Alberto Alves, Ku Lan-sun, Edward Pao Souza, Choa Hin-ke, Ng Wing-hong and Chiu Tse-ping.

### Case Outlined

Mr Williams stated that the slapping took place on June 25 and as far as was known there had been no previous trouble between Accused and Deceased. At 4 p.m. that day Accused and other newspaper hawkers including Chan Sing-wai and Fung Cho-chi, were gambling outside 44-45 Connaught Road Central. Deceased arrived and quitted down to watch the game. Accused was not lucky and losing what money he had he took off his jacket and sent it to be pawned. The money for the jacket and the pawn ticket were returned to Accused who continued gambling. Eventually the game was between Chan and Accused only and Deceased remained watching. After the two gamblers had decided to stop and as Accused was collecting together the money in front of him, Deceased said to him, "Pay me the 10 cents you owe me." Accused replied that he had lost money and that he had insufficient even to redeem his jacket.

### "You Have Stabbed Me"

Deceased wanted his 10 cents and he grabbed this amount from in front of Accused and the two subsequently began to fight. Continuing, Mr Williams stated that it was not quite clear who struck the first blow. Witnesses would say that three or four blows were struck and suddenly Deceased called out "Ai Yuh! You have stabbed me." Fong remonstrated with Accused and asked him why he had used a knife.

Deceased felt weak and put his arm around Accused for support and Accused supported him along the Road for a little distance. Accused saw Deceased was in trouble and Deceased asked for 10 cents to buy Tiger Balm and Accused produced the money. According to the Accused, some friends of Deceased assaulted him.

Sergeant Medley, who was on street duty, saw that Deceased had received certain injuries on the chest and he also saw Accused there. He searched Accused and took from him a knife which was in his hands.

In evidence, Dr T. K. Lion of the Queen Mary Hospital stated that Deceased had died of shock and heart failure.

Shown a knife by Mr Williams, Dr Lion said it was possible that the Deceased's wound was caused by this. The Doctor also said that there had been no bone resistance to the wound. With a sharp instrument like the knife in Court it did not require much force to cause the wound.

### "Very Lucky Shot"

His Lordship: It was a very lucky shot wasn't it? Dr Lion: It was very accurate. It just happened that this knife went through this spot. If you wanted to do it a second time perhaps it would not go through the same spot.

At the end of the Prosecution's case, Defendant gave an account of the gambling, of the presence of Deceased and of the pawning of the jacket. Accused then spoke of Deceased taking 10 cents from him and averred that Deceased had stated that

## 14 KILLED IN FLOODS Luzon Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—MANILA, Sept. 18 (UP).—It is reliably reported that 14 persons are dead in central Luzon floods and at least \$500,000,000 worth of damage has been caused. The Red Cross is active.

Pampanga province is believed to be hardest hit due to a broken dyke.

The "Manila Bulletin" said that one official investigator hinted that sabotage by disgruntled political elements may have been responsible for the breaking of the dyke.

Clear weather is resulting in the subsiding of the flood waters. The flood had forced the evacuation of 8,000 tenant farmers along the banks of the Pampanga River. The Philippine Constabulary said that 50 persons are missing although it is believed that the majority of them are safe. Camp Olivas of the Philippine Army is under water necessitating the evacuation of several hundred troops to higher ground.

## New Offensive In Abyssinia

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (UP).—In connection with the resumption of the offensive in northwest Abyssinia, it is believed that there are about 15,000 Italian and native troops around Gondar and Wolchert, commanded by General Nash.

## Vigorous Protest By Egypt

LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—A report from Cairo to the Exchange Telegraph says that it is understood that the Egyptian Government has protested vigorously to Germany and Italy in connection with the air raid on Monday night.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (Reuter).—The full tram service has resumed following the six-hour strike yesterday in protest against alleged maltreatment.

## Liberal-Nationalists Go All Out For Churchill

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A resolution expressing complete confidence in the present government, welcoming the Atlantic Charter, recording admiration of the Russian defence and approving speedy aid for the Russian people, was unanimously adopted at the annual conference of Liberal Nationalists held in London today.

Two Cabinet Ministers, Lord Chancellor, and Mr Ernest Brown who is Minister for Health, and two ex-Ministers Mr Horst-Belisha and Mr Leslie Burgin, attended.

Lord Forster in moving the resolution said that uppermost in their minds now was how they could best help the Prime Minister and those gallant men and women who had come from all parts of the Empire to tackle the frightful tragedy of the



One of the many fine studies entered in Section 2 of the "Hongkong Telegraph's" Eleventh Annual Amateur Photographic Competition. The contest is open until September 30.

## Singapore Ready to Defy Any Blockade says Brooke-Popham

SINGAPORE, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—A most encouraging picture of the general defensive position of the area of which Singapore is the strategic centre was given at a joint press conference by Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, and Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station.

Sir Robert said they were not afraid of a blockade threat. They had ample reserves of food and ammunition. He did not think that any blockade was tenable for as long as six months but even within that time they were fully able to break it—even without the assistance of the American Navy.

Questioned concerning his recent visit to the Netherlands East Indies, Sir Robert said that from what he had seen he was perfectly satisfied that the N.E.I. would put up a perfectly good show if called on to do so—they were not going about treading on people's corns, but if attacked the N.E.I. were fully determined to give a good account of themselves.

Asked if there had been stiff talks with the N.E.I. or any tacit arrangements with them, Sir Robert said he had nothing to add to what he had stated at a previous interview, namely that in the huge area from Burma to Australia, what happened in any part of the area affected the rest of it. "You cannot separate any of these countries."

**Whitehall Instructions**  
Asked if Malaya would immediately move to the assistance of the N.E.I. if the latter were attacked, Sir Robert said he would act according to instructions from Whitehall, whose decisions would be accelerated as the result of the labours of Mr A. Duff Cooper.

Questioned regarding Thailand, Sir Robert said that relations with that country were better. They had come to realise, he said, that we were their friends and they looked to us for advice as well as their sending two officers to look at our defence plans and see the working of our fighter squadrons.

"I should not have thought such a thing possible a few months ago," he added.

**Independent Attitude**  
In reply to another question, the Commander-in-Chief agreed that Thailand had begun to show an independent attitude towards Japan. They were realising, he said, that they should not become too dependent economically and financially upon Japan.

Admiral Layton told a questioner that the radio report that a raider was at large in the Pacific and that a number of ships had fallen victim was untrue.

## V.C. Is Missing

LONDON, Sept. 17 (British Wire-logs).—The young New Zealand Sergeant James Allen Ward, who recently won the V.C., is reported missing. His Wellington Bomber Squadron No. 75 New Zealand Bomber Squadron did not return from a recent attack on Germany.

## Story Of Costly Nazi Attempt On Gulf Gate

(By "Reuter's" Resident Correspondent)

MOSCOW, Sept. 17.—The importance of the Soviet victory in smashing the German attempt to land forces on the Soviet-held islands of Ezel and Moon at the entrance of Riga Bay and partly commanding the Gulf of Finland is emphasised by the promotion to-day of Major-General of Coastal Defence Alexis Yeliseev to the rank of Lieutenant-General.

It was he who commanded the various sections of the Soviet Baltic Navy concerned in beating off the Germans.

While the Soviets hold Ezel and other islands in the same group stretching north and south across the entrance of Riga Bay, it not only means that German entry into the Finnish Gulf is very difficult but also that the German possession of the Riga naval base is practically valueless.

A dispatch describing the German attempt states that the first expedition which tried to approach the islands at dawn on Saturday was beaten off after only a four-hour battle but the second effort, which began on Sunday with a much larger number of smaller vessels, lasted until yesterday and some German forces at one time succeeded in getting a foothold before being thrown back into the sea.

**Enemy Ships Sunk**  
Aboard each of six transports used on Saturday, of which four were sunk, were up to 2,500 Germans. They were protected by eight destroyers, of which one was sunk, and 11 motor torpedo boats, of which ten were sunk.

The second effort was made from neighbouring ports on the mainland. The Germans lost one large and many small transports.

## Italians Shut Up In Gondar

CAIRO, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—In the Gondar area, where the last remnants of the Italian Army in Abyssinia have been invested since the capture of the main enemy forces, weather conditions have now permitted resumption of our offensive activities.

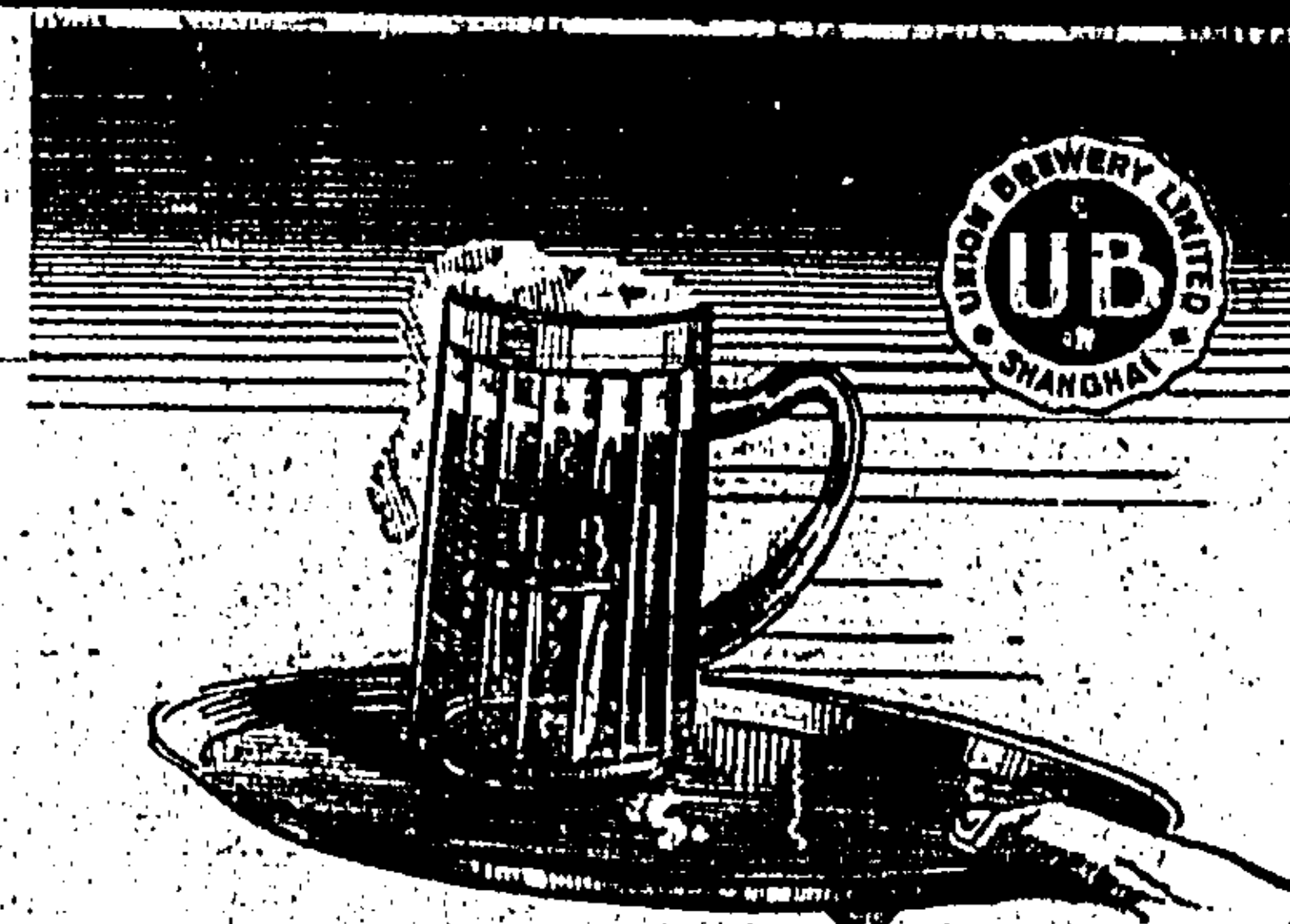
During the past few days, patrols from our troops were in contact with the enemy holding defending positions in Gondar.

## H.M. Submarine Lost

LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuter).—The Board of the Admiralty regret to announce that H. M. Submarine F-32 (Lieutenant D.A.B. Abdy) is overdue and must be considered lost. The next of kin have been informed, says the Admiralty to-night.

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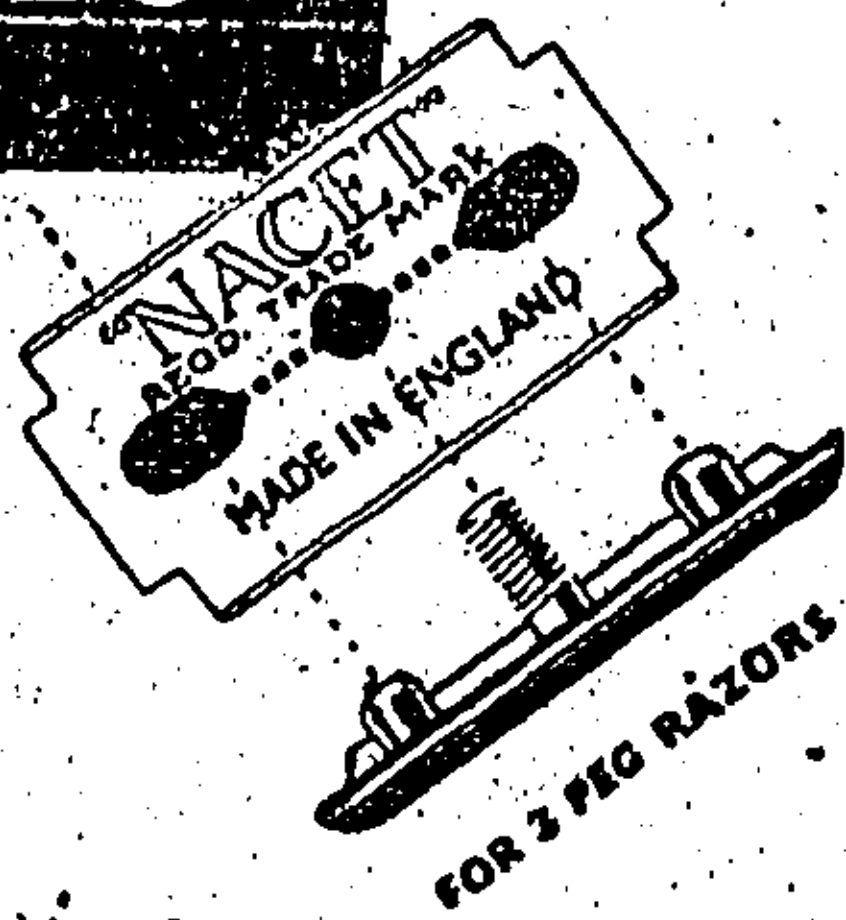
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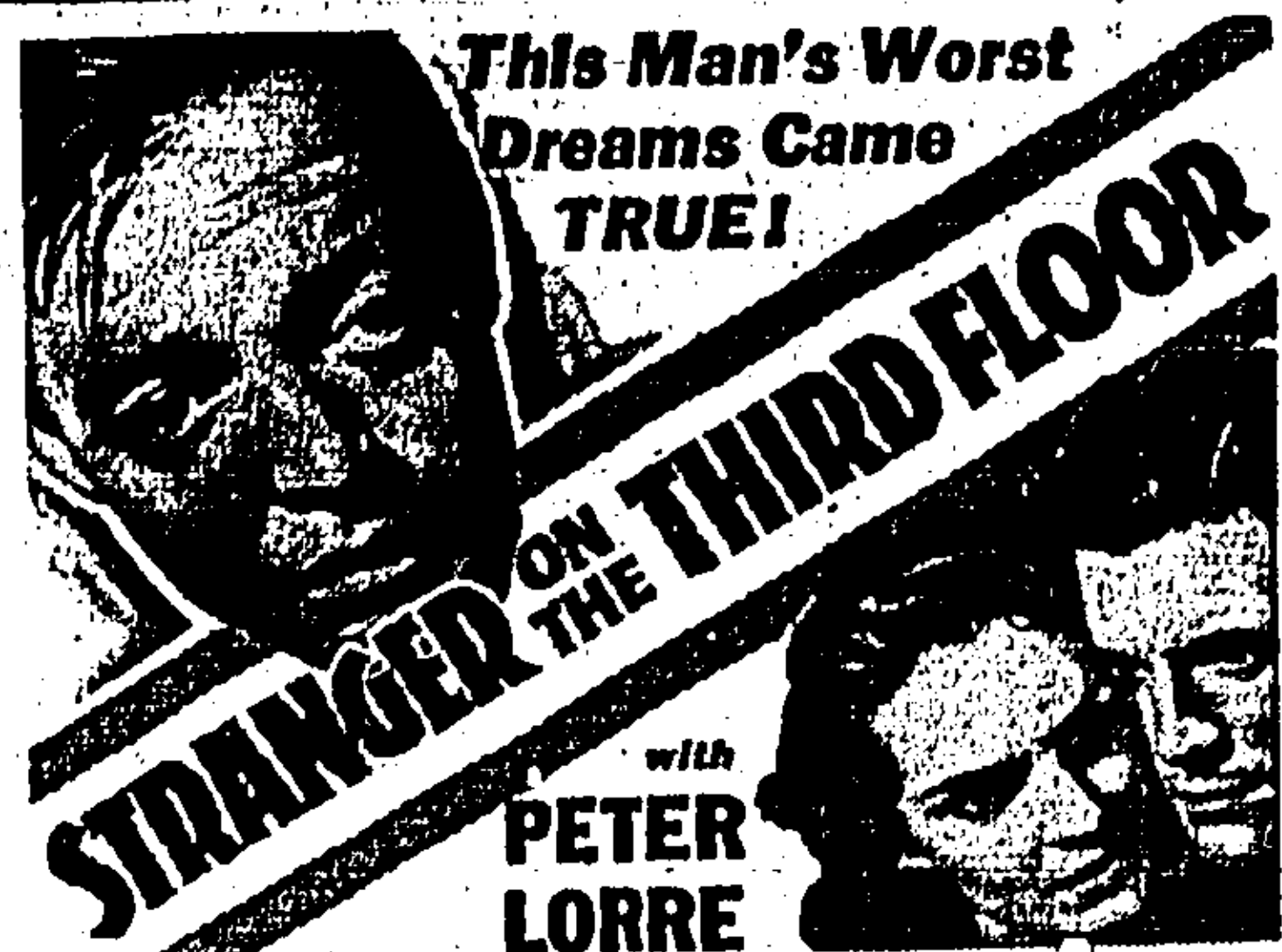
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## Sweeping RAF Raids Across N. France

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plosions were heard from the French coast.

**Great Damage Done**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—Fuller information now available concerning the R.A.F. raid on the power plant at Mazingarbe, near Bethune, this afternoon reveals that the damage caused was very considerable.

The Air Ministry states that this plant is an important one, have batteries of coke ovens and plant for the production of synthetic ammonia, synthetic petrol, alcohol, benzol, methanol and other together with a thermic power station.

The attack was delivered in two parts in quick succession to each other. The first wave of Blenheim bombers had hardly delivered their bombs before the second wave was ready.

Continuous explosions appeared to come from over the entire works—One explosion every few seconds.

One large fire was seen to take hold in the centre of the works where the bombs exploded on a large container.

**Cloud Cover**  
Describing this, one pilot said: "I saw what appeared to be the outside of a gas container blow up. The top blew off and the sides fell away. It was all in flames."

Although the weather was clear on this side of the Channel, there was some cloud over Northern France but not enough to hide the objective. Every bomber was able to make a good run up to the target.

The efforts of German fighters to pierce the screen of British fighters and stop the bombers failed and the bombers observed that fires were still spreading when they left.

**U.S. Warships Begin Convoying**

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Pacific, presumably using the Galapagos Islands as a base, he stated: "We think there is a raider. One ship disappeared, but that is all the news we have."

Months ago, the navy searched the various Pacific Islands for possible raider bases.

**Exambition Escorted**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (UP).—An "Exchange Telegraph" dispatch from Lisbon states that the American steamer Exambition arrived there yesterday, being the first American ship to be escorted into Lisbon.

The U.S. Consignship ship Ingham, which for sometime had been berthed at Lisbon sailed on Monday, met the Exambition on the high seas and escorted her into port, after which the Ingham sailed again.

**SOVIET HIGH COMMAND APPOINTMENTS**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP).—Stalin has appointed three new Vice Admirals and four Rear Admirals while the Supreme Soviet Command has announced the decoration of 156 officers and men of the navy and 143 of the naval air arm for bravery and ten for "exemplary fulfillment of their fighting tasks."

The "Izvestia" summed up the recent victories of the Baltic fleet which, according to incomplete data, sank two destroyers, 43 transports and a barge full of tanks.

**Free China Hopes To Get Silk Market**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
NEW YORK, Sept. 17 (UP).—Mr. Mousheng H. Lin, Editor of the magazine "Contemporary China," today said that the United States will be able to obtain adequate supplies of raw silk from China if a defence shortage develops.

He asserted that the Japanese military authorities in Shanghai are banning the export of raw silk from occupied China except for barter.

"This is considered an act of reprisal against the United States by informed Chinese," he declared, adding that the United States will still be able to obtain raw silk from Free China.

**Material For Soviet**  
LONDON, Sept. 17 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that the United States is providing \$100,000,000 for Russia to purchase war material in the United States.

## TERRORISTS RUN WILD IN SHAI

SHANGHAI, Sept. 18 (Reuters).—On the eve of the anniversary of the Mukden Incident, terrorists ran wild in the International Settlement last night when there were three shooting incidents within three hours.

The night's toll was three Japanese civilians wounded, not seriously, one Chinese killed and one Chinese wounded.

As a result of the shooting the International Settlement to-day was strongly barricaded and very strict searches are proceeding at strategic corners.

Meanwhile in observance of the anniversary all cinemas, foreign and Chinese, and amusement resorts have decided to close all day.

Two of the three Japanese wounded were shot in Nanking Road, Shanghai's main street. The two Chinese who fired the shots escaped.

The other Japanese was wounded in Szechuen Road.

These were the first attempts on Japanese in the unoccupied southern part of the International Settlement in months.

**Nazi Trade Talks With Turks Suffer Rebuff**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ANKARA, Sept. 17 (UP).—Herr Ciodius, the German Economic expert has offered to buy all Turkish chrome and was told that consent was dependent upon British willingness to surrender the present contract for the chrome. The British would obviously refuse, thus closing the most delicate chapter of the trade talks.

**LATE NEWS**

**Tribute To Late Governor**

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Mark Young, president for the first time since his arrival at a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon. There was a full attendance of Members.

In paying tribute to the work of his predecessor, His Excellency said: "It will, I am sure, be your wish that to-day's proceedings should include a reference to the services rendered to this Colony, both in the Legislative Council and outside it, by your late President, Sir Geoffrey Northcote."

"I know well with what ability and with what singleness of purpose Sir Geoffrey had devoted himself to the good of the people of the Colony, and I know also with what difficulties he had to contend and how untiringly and effectively he did contend with them, notwithstanding the ill health which latterly handicapped him and finally most regrettably brought about his retirement."

"I must leave it to others to speak with first-hand knowledge of Sir Geoffrey's work here, but I can and do associate myself very fully with what I know to be the feeling of this Colony in regard to him, namely, a feeling of genuine appreciation and gratitude for all that he did for Hongkong."

The Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, on behalf of Unofficial Members, associated themselves with His Excellency's remarks.

## TO-DAY'S A. R. P. INQUIRY

(Continued from Page 5.)

It is something new?—Yes, it is the first time I have heard of it. Do you know a foreman called Ho?

Yes, Ho Kwai-sum, the blasting foreman.

How long have you known him?—Only since I was connected with the A.R.P. tunnels. He says that he knows me a long time.

Does he? Why does he say that?—He says he was connected with the Shing Mun waterworks scheme.

You don't know him?—I had forgotten about him.

How did he come to be employed on this work?—He saw Mr Campbell who asked what experience he had on blasting and he gave Mr Campbell his certificate.

That is how he came to get this job?—Yes.

Have you anything to do with the issue to sub-contractors of drilled steel?—Yes.

**Cumshaw Rumour**  
Have you heard a rumour that the foremen there have got to be given cumshaw, otherwise the sub-contractors would not be given drilled steel?

No.

What is the normal size of this drilled steel?—Hexagon drill is seven-eighths of an inch in diameter.

Are there some seven feet long?—They are of various sizes.

These are used for a particular kind of work?—For drilling holes for blasting.

If sub-contractors cannot get that particular class of steel, their work is held up?—Yes.

You have not heard a rumour that before they are allowed to use a particular class of steel, they would have to pay cumshaw to the P.W.D. foreman?—I have never heard such a rumour.

**Morning Reports**  
Mr Bishop has produced the morning reports for May and June. Are these 17?—They are.

Who are they signed by?—Cheng Chung, who is the general foreman of Kin Lee, and I initial them.

Where does Cheng Chung live?—I don't know.

He is still on the work?—Yes.

And he signs the report and gives it to you?—I initial it and he then checks it and signs it.

How does he check the accounts?—He would take the measurement of the driving of the tunnels. Then he signs it.

Before he does that, do you write them out?—No, the night foreman does that.

What is his name?—All the three foremen take turns in writing them out.

And they would hand it to you and you would initial it?—On receipt of this, I go straight to the tunnel and take the measurement.

Everyday?—No.

Are there any occasions when you initial the statement without checking the report of your foreman?—Yes, because I trust them.

More often than not you just initial the documents without making a check of them at all?—Sometimes.

And when that happens, the head foreman signs it without any further checking?—I don't know about that.

**Signed And Initialed**  
He only signs after you have initialed?—Sometimes I initial before he signs, and sometimes he signs before I initial.

After he signs and you have initialed, it goes into Government and money is paid to you?—Yes.

Who looks after the timber and stores?—Chan Chun-fai.

All these stores are kept at Hung-hom?—Yes.

Do you ever check off these stores?—No, because I don't look after them.

Is Chan a P.W.D. foreman?—No, he is employed by Kin Lee.

Do you know if any P.W.D. foremen ever go to that store?—I don't know.

That concluded the examination of Tsang, and the Inquiry was adjourned to 3 p.m.

**ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES**

Ellas Davies Sykes, 47, of No. 16 Battery Street, who was charged with two counts of obtaining money by false pretences, appeared before Mr H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning for a further remand until Saturday.

He was alleged to have obtained \$13.50 from Donald Durrle Aroozoo, of 367 Nathan Road, on September 11, pretending that he was authorised to pay an account for or on behalf of Mr C. G. Perdue, and to have obtained \$10 from the same person on September 13, pretending that he was authorised by the Hon. Mr J.P. Pennefather-Evans to purchase tobacco.

Defendant requested to use his passport as security and be released since he had a family to look after.

Det-Inspector R. Cunningham indicated that he preferred Defendant to be kept in jail if he failed to raise the bail which had been fixed at \$100.

The application by Defendant was refused.

**Arrest In France**  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
ROME, Sept. 17 (UP).—The Stefani news agency reports from Paris that the former Communist Senator Marcel Cachin, has been arrested at Rennes but no reason was given.

**Compulsory Service Tribunal**  
It is notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 1941, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

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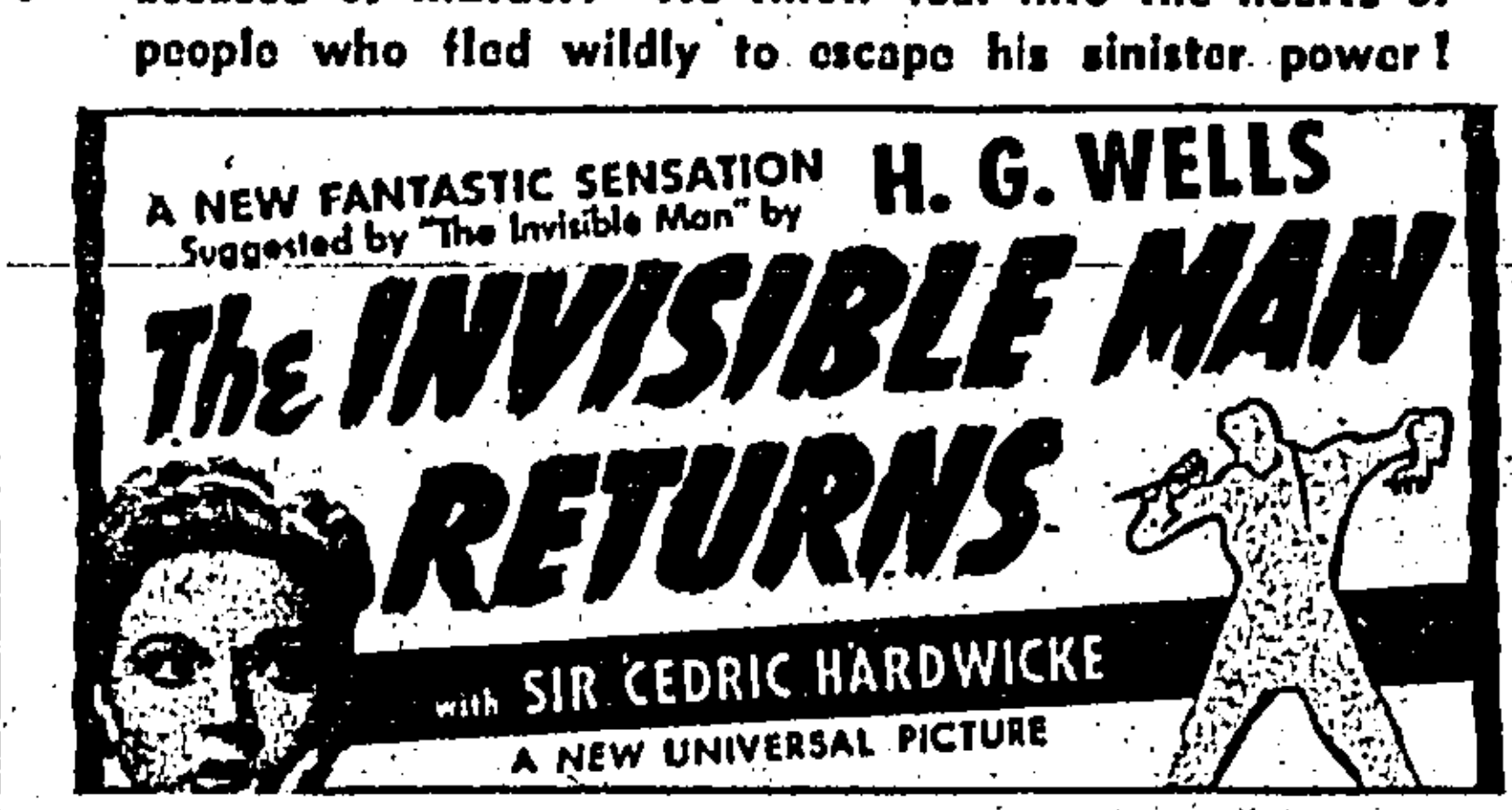
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